



FLORIDA GOURD SOCIETY FESTIVAL 2025 YOUTH DIVISION COMPETITION PACKET



2025 THEME: GROWING GOURDS

February 21-23, 2025

Azan Shriners Center, 1591 W. Eau Gallie Blvd., Melbourne

Entry Instructions, Check-In & Pick Up Details

ENTRY: The preferred method for entering the Gourd Festival is to **MAIL** entry forms.

Mailed entry forms must be postmarked by February 10, 2025.

Mail 2-page entry form to: **Johny Blunt. P.O. Box 521524, Longwood, FL 32752-1524**

CHECK-IN Friday, February 21, 2025

MAILED-IN ENTRY FORMS- 8:30 AM – 4 PM Bring your gourds with completed tags. **No early or late deliveries will be accepted.**

WALK-IN ENTRY FORMS- NOON – 4 PM Bring your 2-page entry form and gourds with completed tags. **No early or late deliveries will be accepted.**

PICK-UP TIME

Pick up is on Sunday February 23, 2025, at 3:00 PM. You or your representative must present the stub from your entry tag. Any gourd not picked up by 3:30 will be donated to FGS for auction.

Youth Division Rules

1. No Entry Fees for Youth Competition.
2. The youth division is open to youth age 3-19 years old.
3. Entries will be placed into one of three levels, based on artistic ability. See Judging Criteria section for more information.
4. Artistry- The gourd must dominate. Entry must be 50% gourd. Entry can be any design. Copyright designs not permitted. Any medium or technique may be used. May use ANY paint medium. May use ANY material.
5. Maximum of 4 entries, one gourd per category.
6. Gourd must have an entry tag attached to it. Youth may choose to sell their gourd entry by indicating on their tag.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be placed into one of three levels, based on artistic ability, not by age. Gourd placement will be determined by the Registrar.

LEVEL 1- The joy of making marks and scribbling with the use of unique and creative materials in non-pre-planned ways. Also, the joy of physical connections including preplanned use of circles and lines to represent the environment around the student.

LEVEL 2- The joy of communication including art with defined order and demonstration of some knowledge of proper environmental placement. Also, the joy of spatial relationships and being able to critique their own work, demonstrating a little more realism in it.

LEVEL 3- The joy of realism and self-critiquing that accelerates a student into finding their niche through exploration of multiple techniques across 2- Dimensions and/or 3-Dimensions. Also, the joy of finding success withing their chosen niche and the ability to express complex feelings, emotions, and environmental specifications in more skilled ways.

Youth Division Awards

Each level will award the following:

- First Place- Ribbon, Certificate
- Second Place- Ribbon, Certificate
- Third Place- Ribbon, Certificate
- All others- Participation Ribbon

Additional Awards:

- Best of Youth Division- Ribbon, Certificate & \$25
- People's Choice for Entire Youth Division- Ribbon



YOUTH DIVISION ENTRY FORM

Office Use:

Youth Name: _____

Crafter # _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ Age _____

Youth Level: _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Phone _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SCHOOL: _____ If entering with a school please complete:

Teacher/or Advisor Contact Name: _____ phone _____

Teacher/or Advisor email: _____

Permission for Media Release:

____ **YES**, I give my permission for the Florida Gourd Society to use **photos of the youth's gourds** for publicity in the American Gourd Society magazine, The GOURDVINE newsletter, and advertising for future festivals. **It is a requirement to enter this show.**

____ **YES**, I give my permission for the Florida Gourd Society to use **photos of the above-named youth participant** for publicity in the American Gourd Society magazine, The GOURDVINE newsletter, and/or advertising for future festivals.

____ **NO**, I do not give my permission for the Florida Gourd Society to use **photos of the above-named youth entrant**.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

**YOUTH DIVISION ENTRY FORM**

YOUTH NAME: _____

Total number of gourds entered _____

Maximum of 4 entries, one gourd per category.**Office Use:**

Crafter # _____











Youth Level: _____

Division III Categories:

- a. _____ Dried Gourd – smallest
- b. _____ Painted Gourd
- c. _____ Combination of techniques
- d. _____ Festival theme



YOUTH CRAFTER and/or YOUTH GUARDIAN—PLEASE PRINT FORM ON WHITE CARD STOCK. Punch top center hole only and use thin white string. Fill in tag **BEFORE** arrival. Youth Crafter # will be assigned at check-in. Keep the bottom portion of tag, you will need this to pick up your gourds at the end of the festival. Use a phone number that you or your guardian can be reached at during the festival. Give a description: Ex: Eagle bow with feathers. You will be notified by phone by Registrar if someone is interested in purchasing your gourd (if you've checked "Is for sale" and filled in Price). Gourds placed in the wrong category MAY only be moved by Registrar with approval of Head Judge, be sure your tag must be marked YES to authorize this to happen. **PHOTOS:** We make a **FESTIVAL HISTORY BOOK** of all entries. After you are checked in, your Entry will be photographed. If you are present on Friday, we would also like to take **your photo** to be used for Festival advertising or in the national GOURD MAGAZINE if you win a DIVISION III award. You may also say NO.

 Youth Crafter # _____ Level: _____ Category: _____ Description: _____	 1 2 3 M	Name: _____ Phone: _____ _____ NOT for Sale _____ IS for sale. Price \$ _____ Permission to move gourd to correct category? YES _____ NO _____ _____ Cut Here _____ Name: _____ Crafter # _____ Patch: _____ Level: _____ Category: _____
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