

Have you ever thought about entering something in the Ross County Fair but just didn't know how to do it? Anyone from 5 to 105 years old can enter the competition. Follow these easy, fun, and free steps on how to enter, and you may find yourself on your way to receiving a Blue Ribbon!!

- 1) Get a Ross County Fair Premium Catalog. These are free, usually are printed in June, and can be found at the Ross County Extension Office or online at: www.rosscountyfair.com (once on this website, click on Ross County Fair and scroll down to fair book). The catalog lists every class available that the public can enter in the Ross County Fair – anything from antiques, vegetables, home sewing, crafts, flowers, fine arts, gift wrapping – just to name a few. Find a category/class in which you would like to enter.
- 2) Bring your item to be entered to the fairgrounds at the date/time to be entered (which is stated in the fair book). Make note of the entry and release times because you can only enter and take home your project at the specified times. Also, be aware that the times may be different for Home Arts, Fruit & Vegetable Building, Flowers, and Farm Antiques. Most entries are taken the Saturday before the fair begins and released the Sunday after the fair is over (no early releases).
- 3) After arriving at the fairgrounds with your entry, find the correct building in which to enter (Home Arts, Farm Products, Flower, Farm Antiques). Once in the appropriate building, complete an entry form, available at the registration table, stating your name, address and classes that you want to enter. You will need to complete a registration form for each division entered: Home Arts, Farm, Flowers, Farm Antiques. Volunteers will be on hand to help you complete your form.
- 4) The volunteer will put your item in the correct place for competition, and you will leave it there for observation the entire week. Judging will take place (usually at the beginning of fair week – and Flowers have another mid-week judging, as well) and you may end up with a ribbon! Some placings are awarded a premium that can be picked up when you collect your things at the end of the week.
- 5) You will need to pick up your entries at the specified release time, and also, get any money that you might have won.

It's fun to enter items for competition in the Ross County Fair. Try it and you may be the next "Best of Show"!