

## *Department # 22 Major Contests*

### **2026 Growing A Nation Poster Contest**

**Sponsored by The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture**

**All posters will become the property of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for possible future promotional activities for the Pennsylvania Farm Show and Pennsylvania State Association of County Fairs. Any duplication of posters from previous years will be disqualified. Posters will not be returned via mail. Contestants may arrange to have their entries returned following the PA Farm Show through their individual fairs;**

#### **Criteria For the Poster Contest:**

1. Only one poster may be submitted per student. Students must be in age group 8-11, 12-14, or 15-18 by June 1st, 2025. Entry form must include the age of the student to compete at state level.
2. The poster size must be either **14 x 22 or 14 1/2 x 22 inches** equivalent one-half of a standard poster board. Other sizes will not be accepted for judging. Certification form must be attached to back side of poster.
3. This year's theme is **"Growing A Nation."** Contestants will be asked to submit artwork that depicts the important role Pennsylvania agriculture played in providing innovative processes and solutions that helped to grow or nation. Exhibitors using other themes will be disqualified at the state level.
4. Posters will be evaluated on use of the theme, visual appearance and creativity in relation to the exhibitor's age group.
5. Checks for \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be presented by the New Carlisle Fair Association to the top three individuals in each age group.
6. Farm Show winners are required to provide their social security numbers for award disbursements from the PA Department of Agriculture.

#### **Fun Safety Poster Contest**

22140 Ages 8-11

22141 Ages 12-14

22142 Ages 15-18