

Laredo International Fair and Exposition

February 23rd- March 2nd, 2025

62nd Annual



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Rules and Regulations

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GENERAL RULES FOR 2025

Entry Card Closing Date is Friday, February 7th, 2025, by 5 pm.

No Group/Club Projects

1. FAIR DATES LIFE 2024 - February 23rd, 2025 – March 2nd, 2025

2. SCHOOL STATUS & ELIGIBILITY FORM

Students who have graduated dropped out of school, are enrolled in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) or a Justice Juvenile Alternative Education Program (JJAEP), or are not enrolled in school in Webb County are ineligible to participate.

In accordance with Texas Education Agency and local public school board policies, L.I.F.E. will require all 4-H and FFA exhibitors to submit a house bill 72 form/eligibility form; all other participants must comply with L.I.F.E. eligibility form. Form must be submitted to the L.I.F.E. office by CEA/AST on or before **Friday February 14, 2025**. ANY EXHIBITOR THAT DOES NOT SUBMIT FORM BY DEADLINE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN ANY L.I.F.E. ACTIVITIES. 4-H House Bill 72 form does supersede the L.I.F.E. eligibility form and must still be turned in to 4-H extension office.

3. COMPETITION

Competition is open to anyone actively enrolled and in good standing of 4-H, FFA, or any other Career and Technology Education (CTE) club or class of a school system. Any enrolled student in good standing may participate, contingent to the approval of the respective school.

Exhibitor(s) must have individually built the project(s) in Webb County in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the Laredo International Fair & Exposition.

3.1 DRESS CODE (FOR SHOW AND AUCTION) - Blouses and shirts must have sleeves and must cover the midriff and lower back. Halters, open chest, bare backs, tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, see through garments, shall not be permitted. Pants/jeans must be of an appropriate length. In addition, clothing with school/university affiliation, symbols, inappropriate language, phrases or slogans advertising tobacco, alcohol products, controlled substances or political advertisements are unacceptable. Any exhibitor not in compliance with the dress code will be asked to change or will be provided with an appropriate shirt.

4. LIMIT OF ENTRIES

4.1 Enter a total of two exhibits

4.2 Show no more than a total of two projects/exhibits per division which include Livestock, Poultry, Rabbits, Welding/Woodworking, Canning, Sewing & Baking, art. (Breeding livestock for exhibition are not included)

Ex. 2 livestock, 2 Ag mechanics, 2 canning, baking and sewing, 2 art

4.3 If applicable, Exhibitors with two exhibits/projects that qualify for auction must choose the exhibit to sell at auction and receive the floor proceeds for the second exhibit. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to immediately notify (after the judging) the L.I.F.E. Sales Office which exhibit will sell. If there is no notification, the L.I.F.E. Sales Office will decide based on the highest placing.

An exhibitor may sell 1 livestock, poultry, or rabbit project AND 1 non-livestock project (to include Ag mechanics, baking, canning, and sewing, or art)

5. **ENTRY FEE** An entry fee must be paid with an entry card and delivered by the CEA or AST. Entry fees must be paid by Cashier's Check, Postal Money Order, School District Check, or 4-H Club Check. Personal, Family or Business Checks will not be accepted.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Metal Projects	\$30.00
Woodworking Projects	\$30.00

6. **ENTRIES** The exhibitor must indicate a minimum value of the project on their exhibitor card which will be utilized for the silent auction. All entries submitted will compete for placement.
7. **ENTRY CLOSING DATE** All entry cards and fees must be in the L.I.F.E. office by 5:00 P.M. on or before Friday February 7th, 2025.
8. **PROJECT DROP OFF** Exhibitors must drop off their project(s) **on Sunday, February 23, 2025, from 2pm- 6pm**. No project will be accepted after 6pm.
9. **SALE FEE** There will be a sale fee not to exceed 5% on all Metal or Woodworking projects sold at the online auction.
10. **SILENT AUCTION** All agriculture mechanic projects will be placed in a silent auction, with reserve, starting **Friday February 28, 2025 – Saturday March 1, 2025, til 5pm**. All projects placing Grand and Reserve Grand Champion will be on display for a silent auction during the live auction on **Saturday March 1, 2025**. In the event a top bidder defaults, project will be awarded to the next highest bid as long as it meets reserve.
11. **UNSOLD PROJECTS** All entries that do not receive the reserve value placed on the exhibit card will be picked up by the exhibitor at dispersal. No projects may be removed from fairgrounds before dispersal date.
12. **DISPERSAL** All projects not making the sale may be removed from the exhibit area/barn on **Sunday March 2, 2025 from 3pm to 5pm**.

13. LAREDO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP \$3,000 awarded in scholarships. \$1,000 scholarship prize to Metal Grand Champion Winner and \$1,000 scholarship prize to Woodworks Grand Champion Winner. \$1,000 scholarships will be provided in two \$500 disbursements, one for the fall semester and one for the spring semester. \$500 scholarship prize to Metal Reserve Grand Champion Winner and \$500 scholarship prize to Woodworks Reserve Grand Champion Winner. Scholarship is non-transferable; and is to be used only at Laredo College.

14. THANK YOU LETTERS All thank you letters must be submitted to L.I.F.E. office by the second Friday in May (**May 9, 2025**). Late submissions will be accepted after the deadline through the second Friday in June (**June 13, 2025**); and a 10% late fee will be assessed. After this time, Exhibitor forfeits all funds and funds will be allotted for L.I.F.E. scholarship fund.

I. METAL PROJECT SPECIAL RULES

1. ENTRIES All entry cards and fees must be in the LIFE office by 5:00 pm on or before **closing date Friday, February 14, 2025.**

1.1 A fee of \$30.00 must accompany the entry card

1.2 Entry cards must be hand delivered by an Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) or Country Extension Agent (CEA)

1.3 The exhibitor must have built the project under the supervision of an AST or CEA.

1.4 Any Combination Projects that consist of 50% or more metal will be categorized into Metal projects (the judge will determine this)

1.5 Projects are subject to re-classification by judge at the time of show.

1.6 Placing will be as follows: Each division will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, with the 1st place of each division being eligible for Grand Champion. Once the Grand Champion has been chosen, the 2nd place of the division that won Grand Champion will be eligible for Reserve Grand, along with the remaining 1st place projects.

1.7 All projects that do not place Grand or Reserve will be on display for a silent auction with a reserve.

1.8 All exhibitors will compete for Junior and Senior Showmanship based on quality, presentation, and knowledge of their project.

2. SHOW Metal Project judging will take place on **Friday, February 28, 2025 at 9am.**

2.1 The Competition will be divided into 6 divisions:

I. Trailers (Utility, or BBQ Pit)

II. BBQ pits and other cooking accessories

- III. Livestock equipment (livestock pens, gates, chutes, crates)
- IV. Metal furniture (benches, fire pits, terraces, racks, etc.)
- V. Wildlife/Hunting accessories (deer feeders, traps, blinds, etc.)
- VI. Vehicle Accessories

2.2 Each Exhibit will be judged on its merits.

2.3 Project Requirements:

2.3.1 Project Record Book

- i. Design Plans
- ii. Bill of Materials
- iii. Photos showing stages of construction (minimum of three photos)
 - Beginning of project
 - Middle of project
 - Final product
 - Other photos throughout the project are encouraged.

2.3.2 Exhibitor Information

- i. All projects are to be identified with individual exhibitor cards provided by L.I.F.E.

2.3.3 Safety

- i. Appropriate and safe displays must be provided for projects that need support.

II. WOODWORK PROJECT SPECIAL RULES

1. **ENTRIES** All entry cards and fees must be in the LIFE office by 5:00 pm on or before closing date **Friday, February 14, 2025**.
 - 1.1 A fee of \$30.00 must accompany the entry card
 - 1.2 Entry cards must be hand delivered by an Agriculture Science Teacher (AST) or Country Extension Agent (CEA)
 - 1.3 The exhibitor must have built the project under the supervision of an AST or CEA
 - 1.4 Any Combination Projects that consist of 50% or more wood will be categorized into wood projects (the judge will determine this)
 - 1.5 Projects are subject to re-classification by judge at the time of show.
 - 1.6 Placing will be as follows: Each division will be awarded a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place with the 1st place of each division being eligible for Grand Champion. Once the Grand Champion has been chosen, the 2nd place of the division that won Grand Champion will be eligible for Reserve Grand, along with the remaining 1st place projects.
 - 1.7 All projects that do not place Grand or Reserve will be on display for a silent auction with a reserve.
 - 1.8 All exhibitors will compete for Junior and Senior Showmanship based on quality, presentation, and knowledge of their project.

2. **SHOW** Woodwork project judging will take place on **Friday, February 28, 2025 at 9am**.
 - 2.1 The Competition will be divided into 6 divisions
 - I. Tables
 - II. Benches
 - III. Chairs
 - IV. Patio Accessories (terraces, bars, swings, etc)
 - V. Other Indoor Furnishings (cabinets, saddle racks, etc)
 - VI. Other Outdoor Furnishings (dog houses, show boxes, etc.)

 - 2.2 Each Exhibit will be judged on its merits.
 - 2.3 Project Requirements:
 - 2.3.1 Project Record Book
 - i. Design Plans
 - ii. Bill of Materials
 - iii. Photos showing stages of construction (minimum of three photos)
 - Beginning of project
 - Middle of project
 - Final product
 - Other photos throughout the project are encourage

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