

## 2026 Otsego County Fair Youth Still Exhibits Auction Rules

**Purpose:** The Youth Still Exhibits Auction provides an opportunity for youth exhibitors to sell their high-quality still exhibit projects to the public, rewarding their hard work and creativity while supporting the fair.

### A. Participant Eligibility

1. Open to all youth exhibitors (ages 5 to 18, as of January 1 of the fair year) who are officially enrolled and participating in the fair's youth still exhibits division.
2. Youth are not required to be a registered member of a club associated with the Otsego County Fair.
3. Exhibitors must have their project(s) entered in Fair Entry, judged, and displayed in the fair's still exhibits area.
4. All participants must follow the general rules and code of conduct of the Otsego County Fair, as agreed to in Fair Entry.

### B. Eligible Items

1. Only still exhibit projects that receive at least a red 'B' ribbon will be eligible to sell in the still exhibit silent auction.
2. Allowable items include crafts, artwork, photography, baked goods, canned/preserved items, sewing/textile projects, woodworking, models, collections, educational displays, and more.
3. **Food Items:**
  - **Plated vegetable entries are explicitly excluded** from the auction.
  - **Baked goods:**
    - Exhibitors may enter baked goods into the silent auction as long as they were entered into the fair as an entry.
    - If an exhibitor enters a baked good into the silent auction, a duplicate of the exact same item must be made fresh to be delivered to the buyer on silent auction item pick up day (Sunday, August 16, 2026).
    - Baked good items must be clearly labeled with (1) name of the item, (2) a recipe card showing all ingredients, and (3) date baked.
    - The fair reserves the right to remove any baked good from the auction if it appears spoiled, damaged, or unsafe.
4. Items must be the original work of the youth exhibitor.
5. Live animals, perishable food items requiring refrigeration (unless properly packaged and approved), and any items prohibited by fair or auction rules are not allowed.

### C. Entry Limits

- Youth exhibitors are limited to a **maximum of 2 items** in the auction with the following restriction:
  - No more than one (1) baked good may be entered.

- Each auction item must be entered in its appropriate class and must be designated for the youth still exhibit silent auction at the time of still exhibit entry drop off.

#### **D. Registration for Auction**

- Each auction item must be entered in its appropriate class and must be designated for the youth still exhibit silent auction at the time of still exhibit entry drop off. Designation is done by completing and signing the auction entry form at still exhibit entry check in.
- The form must include: exhibitor's name, age, project description, lot/class number, and parent/guardian contact information.
- A fair official or still exhibits superintendent must approve all auction entries.
- Late entries will not be accepted.

#### **E. Auction Procedures**

- Bids for the still exhibit silent auction will be taken through Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.
- All auction items will be sold "as is" with no warranties expressed or implied.
- All auction items will have a starting bid and minimum bid interval set at check in. If deemed necessary, a reserve amount may be set.
- The highest bidder at the close of the auction will win the item.
- Payment is due immediately upon picking up the item (cash, check, or approved electronic payment). All sales are final.
- Buyers are responsible for picking up their purchased items by noon, Sunday, August 16, 2026, or another agreed upon time.

#### **F. Proceeds and Payment to Exhibitors**

- All proceeds, less standard 2.5% administrative fee to the fair, will be paid to the youth exhibitor via check.
- Payment will be paid to the Otsego County Fair, then distributed to the exhibitor.
- Any check not cashed within 90 days of issuance will be considered a donation to the Otsego County Fair.

#### **G. Responsibilities and Liability**

- Exhibitors and their parents/guardians are responsible for delivering auction items to the designated auction area on time and in good condition.
- The fair and auction committee are not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of items before, during, or after the auction.
- All participants agree to hold the fair harmless from any liability related to the auction.

#### **H. General Rules**

- The auction committee and fair board reserve the right to refuse any item for any reason.
- Decisions of the fair and its official silent auction designees are final.

- Any violation of these rules may result in disqualification from the auction and/or future participation in the fair.
- These rules are subject to change at the discretion of the fair board.