

# SHOEBOX FLOAT CONTEST

**Monday, July 20 (Drop off from 4-8PM) | Dover Building**

## **CLASSES:**

1. Ages 5 to 8
2. Ages 9 to 12

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. On-line entries will be accepted from April 1 to June 1 via the Delaware State Fair website.
2. This contest is for CHILDREN ONLY.
3. Enter the appropriate class based on the exhibitor's age on January 1, 2026.
4. Exhibits must be dropped off on Monday, July 20 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
5. All exhibits must be removed from the Dover Building on Sunday, August 2, from 8:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

## **RULES:**

1. Each contestant is to decorate one shoebox as if it were to be a float in a parade.
2. Please incorporate this year's Fair theme "Celebrating America's 250th"
3. Contestants may use any material in decorating his or her box (Examples: Paper-mache, cloth, foil, fringe, petal paper, etc.). The float must be made of a cardboard shoebox. Please try and keep the shoebox size no larger than 13" x 9" if possible.
4. Do not put wheels on float.
5. Do not put float on a truck body.
6. Do not put float on a piece of cardboard larger than a shoebox.
7. No pictures of the contestants are allowed on the floats. Names are to be placed on the bottom of the float.
8. Only one contestant per float.
9. Pre-assembled; only set-up required during delivery.
10. After judging, floats will be on display in the Children's Department.
11. Prize money will be mailed within 30 days after the close of the Fair.

## **JUDGING:**

1. All entries will be judged based on originality, detail, and design.
2. The decision of the Judges is final.

## **AWARDS:**

- First Prize: \$25.00 and Rosette  
Second Prize: \$20.00 and Ribbon  
Third Prize: \$15.00 and Ribbon