



Cosmetology
Fantasy Nail Art Competition
2023 State Fair
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DATE: Monday, September 25, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m. Registration
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Contest
Please note that the contest will end at 1 p.m. regardless of your starting time
1:30 p.m. Awards
Late arrivals may compete but will not get extended time.

PLACE: State Fairgrounds at The Meadows in Doswell, VA, Caroline County

THEME: FAIRY TALE CHARACTERS

PURPOSE OF COMPETITION:

Contestants will demonstrate their ability to perform fantasy nail design on a live model, a written description of the theme and an oral presentation at the conclusion of the design application.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Contestants will be evaluated based on their performance in the following areas:

- Sanitation
- Originality
- Level of Applied Skills
- Complexity of Detail
- Attitude
- Neatness of Work Station
- Theme Continuity
- Informal Presentation
- Overall Workmanship

TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED BY CONTESTANTS: All necessary sanitation, implements and supplies to perform their selected nail design and student model with **pre-applied nail tips or artificial enhancements.**

NUMBER OF TEAMS: Unlimited. You are encouraged to select competitors for this event through local competition. Students may compete in only one Cosmetology contest including Manikin Comb Out, Nail Design, Total Fashion Look, Manikin Fantasy Comb Out Competition, or Total fashion look Fantasy/

ENTRY FEE: \$40.00 per team. (\$20 per contestant)

Please register on-line at www.skillsusava.org, go to Event, State Fair and then to Competitions.

DEADLINE: Schools must register the number of teams by September 15, 2023. Substitutions may be made the day of the competition.

- *Participants must have a Student Competition Ticket to enter the Fairgrounds unless they are already at the Fair for another competition.*
- *Teachers are responsible for ordering tickets online directly from the State Fair Ticket Office using a State Fair Student Competition Ticket Order link, which can be found on-line at www.skillsusava.org under 'State Fair' when available.*
- *State Fair Tickets must be ordered online so everyone may enter near contest site(Gate2) You will be allowed to park in this area with advance ticket. No picking up tickets on site.*

SCOPE OF THE COMPETITION:

1. **Student model's nails must be pre-applied before arrival with the proper length and shape for the planned design.**
2. Time will be allowed for team setup of workspace which will consist of the end of a 3 foot by 4foot paper covered table with two chairs.
3. Time allowed for design application – 2 hours. If all contestants have completed their design, time will be called and final judging will take place.
4. Contestants will supply all tools necessary to achieve their desired design.
5. **NO ELECTRICAL** outlets or appliances will be used during the nail design competition. Battery operated fans may be used.
6. This is a Fantasy Theme Nail Art Contest. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their maximum artistic flair and creativity in Nail Technology. No storyboards, back drops or table accessories will be allowed.
7. The nail design must extend past the nail tips up to the elbow on both arms. Nails must be the main focus of the design. **The Nails may NOT serve only as a base for the art.**
8. Model's nails will be prejudged to make sure of no artwork other than the application of the nail tips or artificial enhancements.
9. Competing technicians will leave after time is called and workstations cleared. Models will remain until the final judging is complete and they are told they are dismissed.
10. Competing technicians will present a one-minute oral presentation to the panel of judges describing why the theme was selected, how your interpretation of the theme is connected to the nail art and details of any nail design techniques.
11. Theme description must be presented typed at the start of the contest. Contestant may use drawings, pictures or typed description. (loose leaf paper will NOT be excepted)
12. Decision of the judges will be **FINAL!**

DRESS CODE: Black Dress Pants or Black knee length Professional skirt, White top with sleeves (no low cut necklines, bare midriffs), Black low-heeled, closed toe-dress shoes (no tennis shoes, flip flops, stilettos). Students must present themselves with a clean, professional appearance. Students need to stay in dress until awards are presented

AWARDS: Awards will be presented at the contest site.

NAIL DESIGN COMPETITION 2023 State Fair

Judging Criteria

You will have 2 hours to complete nail art on all 10 nails and arms up to elbow of your model. This is a Fantasy Nail Art contest. Contestants will be evaluated on the following:

remember the focus is the nail art

Creativity/Originality	The art may be any type of nail art. This may include these techniques, but is not limited to – encased, 3D, flat, etc. Any art medium may be used. No decals/stickers, copyrighted art, designs or logos allowed.
Level of Applied Skills	The degree of difficulty properly executed in the design. Is application of technique used mastered by contestant.
Complexity of Detail	How intricate and precise are lines, colors and design fine points in the Nail Art?
Attitude	Was the attitude of the contestant and model positive and professional towards the contest and other contestants?
Sanitation	Were all state sanitation rules and regulations adhered to?
Neatness of Work Station	Did the contestant and model keep the work station clean and neat, kept lids on products and discarded all used supplies and products when they not in use?
Theme Continuity	Is the theme carried through on all ten nails and arms? Theme must be submitted typed at the start of contest.
Informal Presentation	Was the presentation grammatically correct, contents about theme formulation and a technique used, and was there good eye contact, proper gestures and voice qualities present? Was the presentation one minute or less? Was it done in a professional manner?
Overall Workmanship	The total overall appearance of the nails and arms. Is the design in good taste and appealing.