

## DEPARTMENT • 29

# AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION LANDSCAPE EXHIBITS

Entries must be PRE-ENTERED

November 1, 2020

**Overview:** Students will design and install a marketable landscape. Prequalifying required documents (below) will be sent to State FFA Office for review. Selected chapters will then be notified by email for Farm Show participation.

### Details:

1. The exhibit will be a maximum 15 feet across by 10 feet deep.
2. Theme: Aquascape.
3. The display will be completed by FFA members and their advisor. Landscape professionals may be and are encouraged to be consulted on the project. The judged installation must be constructed by high school FFA members.
4. Schools must submit the following prequalifying documents:
  - a. Application: available on the PAFFA website: <https://www.paffa.org/association/>.
  - b. 22" x 18" landscape design (1" scale).
  - c. List of plant materials used in the landscape design. - a minimum of five types of landscape plant materials must be used.
  - d. A one-page explanation of the design concept.

To be considered a complete application, items a) through d) must be mailed to: PA FFA, Mike Brammer, Executive Director, P.O. Box 61663, Harrisburg, PA 17106 by November 1, 2020. Clearly mark on the back of the envelope "Landscape, Department 29". Mailed items will not be returned to the exhibitors. Chapters will be notified of their acceptance by November 5, 2020.

**Approved Chapters will submit an educational video, minimum of 20 minutes and maximum of 30 minutes, describing the process involved in developing and building the landscape design. Videos will be submitted to <https://expressforms.pa.gov/apps/pa/Agriculture/Educational-Landscapes> by December 18, 2020.**

1. Videos must include the following as described on the scorecard:
  - a. Design and Explanation: Using overhead and front views, the team will market their design, as to sell, by explaining primary landscape design principles, plant materials, and other features.
  - b. Plant Material List: Slides of all plant materials are required. Each slide should contain two pictures: 1.) A stock image with the common name, scientific name, zone, height, width, and predominant feature AND 2.) A picture showing the plant's use in the landscape display (should show plant quality, health, seasonality, etc.).
  - c. Non-Living Material: 3-5 detailed images of the hardscaping elements and a 3-5 minutes segment of any "How To" demonstration used to create any part of the display, with the following components: Chapter Introduction, Materials Needed, Methods, Benefits of a home install, Challenges, Retail cost for that type.
  - d. Landscape Drawing as two pictures: Sketch and Plant List
2. Video must include completed design with measurements shown.
3. A disqualification of a demonstration or exhibit will be made at the discretion of the department chair for exhibits that:
  - a. Are not the original work of the FFA Chapter of individual exhibitor.
  - b. Violate the FFA Code of Conduct.
  - c. Are less than high quality for the PA Farm Show
4. The First place school will be given the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania at the "Big E", Eastern States Exposition. If that is not an option, the opportunity will be offered to the second place. Schools may not attend "Big E" in two consecutive years. Opportunity for participation in the 2021 Farm City Days is **tentatively** planned for May 2021 at the PA Farm Show Complex.

**Special Ribbons:** Best Design  
Best Plant Materials Selection  
Best Non-Living Materials Selection  
Best Landscape Blueprint