

Lafayette Parish 4-H Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Entries (photos) due to Mrs. Nicole by Midnight on Sunday, October 31st to ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu

Announcing the annual Lafayette Parish 4-H **virtual** Pumpkin Decorating Contest! All entries are due by October 31st at midnight to Mrs. Nicole at ngerard@agcenter.lsu.edu. Can you submit your entries before that? Absolutely! See rules and categories below, happy decorating!

1. Each entry must be submitted as a picture and must include 4-H member's name, grade level, and 4-H club/school (preferably in the file name or email the picture is sent with).
2. 4-H members may submit one pumpkin in each category (one member can submit up to five entries! One per category).
3. Pumpkins may **NOT** be carved or hollowed out.
4. No electrical device may be used as a part of an entry.
5. Objects, paper, and materials of any kind may be pinned or glued to pumpkins except for glitter. Participants may also draw or paint on their entries, place designs on their surfaces, or dress them up. Again, do not carve or hollow out your pumpkin.
6. Entries will be judged based on the following criteria: originality, use of materials, quality of work, creativity.

Pumpkin decorating categories:

 **Theme of the Year Pumpkin:** Our theme this year is “What’s on Your Plate?” the science behind the food you eat. Decorate a pumpkin to portray important aspects of food science and healthy food choices.

 **Animal Pumpkin:** Lions, tigers, bears -oh my! Make your decorated pumpkin look like an animal.

 **Louisiana Commodity Pumpkin:** Louisiana grows and produces lots of foods. Make your pumpkin look like a locally grown Louisiana commodity. Need ideas? Visit www.lsuagcenter.com for information.

 **4-H Spirit Pumpkin:** Show us your love for 4-H by decorating your pumpkin with your favorite 4-H things.

 **Paper Pumpkin:** See the pumpkin illustration on the following page? Use this print-out to decorate a ‘pumpkin’ however you like- get creative! Pumpkins must be school appropriate and should not include inappropriate images or text. You can print it out to decorate or use a computer program!

Helpful hints: Choose a firm pumpkin and wash it thoroughly before decorating. Use a glue gun or straight pins to attach decorations to your pumpkin. Make sure the picture that you submit of your pumpkin is clear and well-lit.

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