

# \$1,000 WINNER TAKES ALL CONTEST

## ~ Growing Pumpkins ~

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**RACINE  
COUNTY  
FAIR**



**Open to all youth participants who MUST be 9 through 17 years old  
Youth MUST team up with an adult/mentor who is at least 18 years or older**

## To GROW 3 Pumpkins of any Variety

Fill out and return registration form by 6 PM, July 14, 2025

Send to: Racine County Fair – P.O. Box 104, Union Grove, WI 53182

Bring pumpkin entry to the Open Class Horticulture Building On  
Tuesday, July 22, 2025 from 5 to 7 PM

Judging will be on Wednesday July 23, 2025 at 6:30 PM in the  
Open Class Horticulture Building

Youth Participant MUST be present to win!



## Requirements:

This is a competition for amateurs. Commercial enterprises or businesses are not eligible to enter.

Open to Youth ages 9 – 17. Adult mentors ages 18 years+

Child must plant, nurture and grow pumpkins, with guidance and supervision from mentor. Pumpkin can be grown from seed or plant. Starting seedlings in a greenhouse is acceptable but not required.

Grow and exhibit 3 pumpkins any variety/color – orange, white, green, striped, etc. Exception, due to space constraints, no giant or mammoth varieties. Standard pumpkin sizes only.

Pumpkins to be displayed in a container (i.e. basket, bucket, box, crate), with props (i.e. fabric, vegetables/fruits/flowers/herbs/decorations) be creative!

Participant to provide a personally made portfolio or portfolio board with their display to include:

- Pumpkin variety/varieties

- Explanation of planting, growing and harvesting process

- Use of pest prevention

- One thing (skill) they learned from their mentor about the growing process

- Include a minimum of 4 photos of youth participating in the growing process

- List itemized cost of all materials – must not exceed \$75.00

One entry will be selected as the contest winner.

Entries will be judged based on all components.

- Each pumpkin will be judged individually based on appearance, quality, size and firmness (they will not be judged on uniformity due to different varieties potentially being presented in one container),
- Display on creativity, presentation, overall appearance,
- Portfolio on details and design
- Verbal interview with the judge.

Winner and/or mentor may not win contest two years in a row.

Youth contest participant must be present at judging date, time and location to win.

One \$1,000 cash prize provided by the Swan's Pumpkin Farm will be awarded in the form of a check solely payable to the YOUTH contest winner, and must be picked up at the fair office. Cash prize redemption requires completion of an IRS W-9 form by contest winner prior to cash prize distribution.

All entries must remain on display throughout the duration of the Racine County Fair and must be picked up on Monday after Racine County Fair, July 28, 2025, between 5 – 7 PM at the Open Class Horticulture building.

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Deadline: by 6 pm on July 14, 2025

## Entry Form

### Adult Mentor Participant (over 18)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Youth Participant (age 9-17)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of Jan. 1, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Upon submission, all photos become the property of the Racine County Fair, which has the right to publish/promote names and photos of the contestants without compensation.

I have read, and I agree to the requirements shown above:

Adult Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

GOOD LUCK!

