

# 2023 State Quilt Contest Information

The following rules apply to any quilts which are to qualify for the State Quilt Contest. The State Quilt Contest will be held at the Association of Connecticut Fairs fall meeting and convention. The Bethlehem Fair will pay for the winning contestant's dinner (and 1 guest). Contact the Bethlehem Fair Office or [www.ctagfairs.org](http://www.ctagfairs.org) for further details.

## Adult Quilt Contest Categories

1. Hand Applique – Sponsored by Building Blocks Together Quilt Guild
2. Pieced Machine Quilted – Sponsored by Farmington Valley Quilters
3. Pieced Hand Quilted – Sponsored by Hearthside Quilt Guild

Other supporters of the contest include the Durham Fair, Ellington Country Quilters, and Greater Middletown Quilt Guild.

## Adult Quilt Contest Rules

1. All work must be completed by an individual quilt maker.
2. Work can be pieced by hand or by machine, but applique must be done by hand.
3. Quilts must be either hand or machine quilted; no hand-tied quilts.
4. Quilts may not be made from pre-cut quilt kits.
5. A quilt can only compete in the Association of Connecticut Fairs Quilt Contest once.
6. Applique quilts must consist of at least 50% applique.
7. Quilt perimeter must measure a **minimum of 216 inches**.
8. No wall hanging quilts.
9. An exhibitor can only represent one quilt per category at the State Quilt Contest.

## Adult Quilt Contest Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded in each category:

1st place: \$50    2nd place: \$35    3rd place: \$15

People's Choice Award: \$50

Each attendee of the Banquet will be able to cast one vote for their favorite quilt regardless of category.

## Junior Quilt Contest Categories

1. Wall Hanging – Sponsored by Building Blocks Together Quilt Guild

## Junior Quilt Contest Rules

1. All work must be completed by an individual quilt maker.
2. Work can be pieced by hand or by machine, but applique must be done by hand.
3. Quilts must be either hand or machine quilted; no hand-tied quilts.

### **2023 State Quilt Contest Information, *continued***

4. Quilts may not be made from pre-cut quilt kits.
5. A quilt can only compete in the Association of Connecticut Fairs Quilt Contest once.
6. Participant must be between 7 and 17 years of age at the time of judging.
7. Wall hanging quilt perimeter must measure a **minimum of 64 inches**.
8. Wall hanging quilt must include a sleeve for hanging.
9. Wall hanging can be applique or pieced. It can be hand or machine quilted, but not tied.
10. An exhibitor can only represent one wall hanging at the State Quilt Contest.

### **Junior Quilt Contest Prizes**

The following prizes will be awarded:

1st place: \$25      2nd place: \$15      3rd place: \$10

### **How to Enter**

Enter a quilt at any participating fair that is a member of the Association of Connecticut Fairs in any of the categories mentioned above.

The participating fair will award one winner in each category with a rosette from the Association of Connecticut Fairs along with any awards the local fair provides. Each fair will submit that winning entry to the state contest. A quilt can be entered in as many fairs as a contestant wishes until it becomes eligible to go to the state contest. Please note an Exhibitor can only represent one quilt or wall hanging at the State Quilt Contest in November.

### **State Quilt Contest**

Once a quilt has won the State Quilt ribbon at a participating fair, it is eligible to be entered into the State Quilt Contest. The contest will be held November 4, 2023. Each fair must pre-register their local winner. The local fair also will provide contest information to the winner. Check [www.ctagfairs.org](http://www.ctagfairs.org) for the latest information.