



Association of Connecticut Fairs 2026 State Quilt Contest Information

Adult and Junior Quilt Contests

Adult Quilt Contest Categories:

1. **Hand or machine appliqué and quilted any way by Exhibitor**
2. **Pieced and Machine quilted by Exhibitor**
3. **Pieced and Hand Quilted by Exhibitor**
4. **Any method quilted by a Group (two or more)**

Adult Quilt Contest Rules:

1. Group quilt can be pieced by one individual and quilted by another.
2. Work can be pieced or appliquéd by hand or machine.
3. Quilts must be either hand or machine (domestic, hand-guided longer or digital) quilted - no hand tied quilts.
4. Quilts may not be made from pre-cut quilt kits.
5. Appliqué quilts must consist of at least 50% appliqué.
6. Quilt perimeter must measure a minimum of 216 inches
7. A quilt can only compete in the Association of Connecticut Fairs Quilt Contest once at the state contest in the fall. It can be entered in more than one local fair until it is selected to compete at the state level. An exhibitor can only represent 1 quilt per category at the State Quilt Contest.

Next Generation Quilter (Formerly Junior) Quilt Contest:

:Possible entries include but are not limited to: quilts (any size), pillows, wall hangings, Christmas tree skirts, placemats, articles of clothing, bags or table runners

Next Generation Quilter Quilt Contest Rules:

1. All work must be completed by an individual quilt maker.
2. Work can be pieced by hand or by machine.
3. Items must be either hand or machine (domestic, hand-guided longer or digital) quilted - no hand tied quilts.
4. While there is no specific size (dimension) requirement, items will be judged based on appropriate techniques used.
5. Quilts may not be made from pre-cut quilt kits.
6. An item can only compete in the Association of Connecticut Fairs Quilt Contest once at the state contest in the fall. It can be entered in more than one local fair until it is selected to compete at the state level. An exhibitor can only represent 1 Item at the State Quilt Contest.
7. Participant must be between 7 and 18 years of age at the time of judging.

Enter a quilt (or for Next Generation Quilters a quilted item) 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 1 Quilt or Quilted item per Category at the State Quilt Contest in November

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 7, 2026. Each fair must preregister their local winner. **Location:** Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT, CT 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Drop-off Quilts (pre-registered). 5:00 p.m. Banquet.