

84th Annual North Carolina Gourd Arts & Crafts Festival Competition 2026 Registration Form

** The competition rules are online at <https://ncgourdsociety.org/> **

I have read and understand the competition rules. I certify that I have not entered these pieces in any past NCGS competitions.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Circle one: NCGS Member Non-member

Circle or highlight the number of each category in which you intend to exhibit.

DIVISION I – GROWER COMPETITION

1. Greatest Circumference
2. Longest Gourd
3. Smallest gourd (hard shell or ornamental) in overall size
4. Most Unusual Gourd by manipulation (*eligible for AGS Jim Story Award*)
5. Group of various gourds (hard shells or ornamentals) on a plate or in a basket (current crop of 2 or more varieties, maximum of 6 gourds)

DIVISION II - YOUTH

Ages 12 and Under

6. Birdhouse
7. Gourd Creature
8. Holiday Gourd
9. Freestyle Gourd

DIVISION III – NEW ARTISTS (NOVICE)

10. Birdhouse
11. Gourd Plant or Animal (real or imaginary)
12. Holiday Gourd

13. Gourd Container (e.g., bowl, basket, vase, etc.)
14. Freestyle Gourd

DIVISION IV - INTERMEDIATE

A. Featured Technique

15. Pyrography/Wood Burned
16. Painted or Colored Pencil
17. Dyes or Inks
18. Carved (any type)
19. Fibers (woven, wrapped, coiled, teneriffe)

B. Holiday Gourds

20. Christmas
21. Gourd Ornament
22. Other Holiday

C. Wearables

23. Gourd Purse or Jewelry
24. Gourd Hat or Mask

D. Utilitarian

25. Gourd Container (any type)
26. Musical Instrument
27. Centerpiece
28. Gourd Lamp (any type)

29. Birdhouse or Bird Feeder

E. Miscellaneous

30. Group of Three
31. Gourd Sculpture (plant, animal, other)
32. Small Gourd (less than 6")
33. Gourd Toy or Doll
34. Freestyle Gourd

DIVISION V - ADVANCED

F. Featured Technique

35. Pyrography/Wood Burned
36. Painted or Colored Pencil
37. Dyes or Inks
38. Carved (any type)
39. Fibers (woven, wrapped, coiled, teneriffe)

G. Holiday Gourds

40. Christmas
41. Gourd Ornament
42. Other Holiday

H. Wearables

43. Gourd Purse or Jewelry

44. Gourd Hat or Mask

I. Utilitarian

45. Gourd Container (any type)
46. Musical Instrument
47. Centerpiece
48. Gourd Lamp (any type)
49. Birdhouse or Bird Feeder

J. Miscellaneous

50. Group of Three
51. Gourd Sculpture (plant, animal, other)
52. Small Gourd (less than 6")
53. Gourd Toy or Doll
54. Freestyle Gourd

DIVISION VI - OPEN

K. Miscellaneous

55. Collaborative Gourd (crafted by more than one artist)
56. Head of the Class (gourd crafted in a class)
57. Festival Theme "Down on the Farm"

- Please note that the festival is a family event and any gourd considered offensive or inappropriate for young attendees may be removed or covered by judges.
- Competitors may not take any entries from the competition tables before Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Claim tickets must be presented.
- **Mail completed Competition Registration Form to Stan Atwood, 1002 Black Oak Court, Apex, NC 27502 or satwood55@att.net by August 28, 2026.**