



# V is for Virginia School Gardens

This division is a collaboration between the State Fair of Virginia and Virginia 4-H. This program is to encourage the use of school-based gardens as learning environments.

**Schools who plan to enter this division must be enrolled with their local Extension Office by 1 July. One entry per school, signed by the principal and 4-H or agent with whom they are working.**

## Parameters for the display at the State Fair of Virginia

Students create an exhibit (including a poster) to display the impacts that the project had on their educational curriculum at their school. The display site will not be in building but a heavy duty tent with an asphalt floor adjacent to the Master Gardener center.

- Posters cannot be any smaller than 22" x 28" and no larger than 44" x 36". Must be freestanding. Trifold science fair display boards recommended.
  - Posters must be created by the students who participated in the school garden. Technology can be used to create the poster as it does not have to be done by hand. Copyrighted or trademark pictures or other material may NOT be used.
- Products, fresh, dried or processed (like strawberry jam) grown in the garden (not pictures) must be displayed in a creative/neat arrangement in front of poster.
- The poster should include the following information:
  - Number of students who participated in the project
  - Name of School, School District, County
  - Number of adults who assisted with the project
  - Number of hours dedicated to complete the project
  - Cost of the project to the school – note sponsors where appropriate
  - Science, history, English, math etc. skills that were targeted and achieved during the project
  - State at least 3 major objectives the students learned as a result of completing this project-SOL correlation recommended
  - A group photo of the students is encouraged
  - Photos of students working on the project are encouraged, but copyrighted pictures or other material may NOT be used.
- The awards and incentives are according to three categories (Elementary : K-5, Middle : 6-8, High: 9-12)