

**SHOEBOX FLOAT CONTEST**  
March 4- March 14, 2021 Main Exhibit Building

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**Theme for 2021: “All Aboard!”**

**RULES AND APPLICATION**

**Chairperson:** Courtney Shackelford: (813)-477-8293  
**Co-Chair:** Caitlin Cribbs Walker: (813)-967-6950  
**Applications Available:** Now  
**Application Deadline:** Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
**Entry Deadline:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
**Open to:** Hillsborough County students in 1st through 6th grade  
& Exceptional Education

**FLOAT DIMENSIONS: RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS \*NO EXCEPTIONS\***

**\*NOTE\*** FLOATS ARE TO BE BUILT FOR THE NARROW ENDS TO REPRESENT THE FRONT AND BACK OF THE FLOAT. FLOATS THAT ARE BUILT SIDEWAYS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

• **Attention Teachers:** If you are going to make this a class project, only your top 5 floats will be allowed to enter into the Florida Strawberry Festival Shoebox Contests, due to limited space.

- Float must be made of a cardboard shoebox no larger than 13” x 9”.
  - A complete decorated float should not exceed 16 1/2 inches tall.
  - Do not put wheels on float.
  - Do not put float on truck body.
  - Do not put shoebox on a piece of cardboard larger than shoebox.
  - Do not use motorized toys on float.
  - Do not use anything edible on float.
  - Only one applicant per float.
  - DO NOT BUILD INSIDE of the BOX (NO DIORAMA FLOATS).
  - NAMES ARE TO BE PLACED ONLY ON THE BOTTOM OF THE FLOATS.
- É FLOATS USING A PICTURE OF THE APPLICANT AS DECORATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

**Failure to comply with these rules as stated above will lead to disqualification.**

Samples of Materials: Paper-mache, cloth, foil, fringe, petal paper, etc. Most craft stores have a wide variety of things you can use. Let your imagination soar.

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**APPLICATIONS:**

**Available Now**

Applications available at:

Florida Strawberry Festival® Office  
303 BerryFest Place, Plant City, FL 33563  
or at [www.flstrawberryfestival.com](http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com)

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:**

**Friday, February 12, 2021**

Mail entry form to:

Shoebox Float Contest  
Attn: Kelsey Bridges  
P.O. Drawer 1869  
Plant City, FL 33564-1869

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRY:**

**Completed floats must be brought to the Festival Main Exhibit Building between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.**

**Please include name, telephone number, and grade on bottom of float (ONLY ON THE BOTTOM.)**

All entries will be on display at the Florida Strawberry Festival® March 4 - March 14, 2021.  
**Participants will be responsible for picking up their entries on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. until 5:45 p.m.**

<b>Group I:</b>	First and Second Grades	<b>Group II:</b>	Third and Fourth Grades
<b>Group III:</b>	Fifth and Sixth Grades	<b>Exceptional Education:</b>	All Grades

<b>Judging Criteria:</b>	ÉOriginality	ÉNeatness	ÉOverall Appearance
	ÉCraftsmanship	ÉUse of Materials	

**Prizes:** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies & 4th & 5th place rosettes awarded in all four groups.

**PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM BELOW AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY.**

**2021 Shoebox Float Contest Form**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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