



# Youth Gardening Rules for National Contest

## PERFECT PLANTS

You must send in registration form as soon as you apply for the contest. Each club or sponsoring mentor may set up their contest and follow the progress any way they wish. Clubs can end their contest whenever and however they choose. Set your time and date, then invite families to this meeting of recognition, celebration and/or rewards. Provide enough time for each youth to talk about their gardening experience and answer questions. All paperwork for national is due **OCTOBER 15, 2023**. Mail your completed paperwork to the Youth Gardening National Chair: Cheri Kessen, 1205 Limberlost Trail, Rome City, IN 46784 or [goafortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:goafortwayne@gmail.com). Mail the three required digital photos (one from each phase) to [goafortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:goafortwayne@gmail.com). We need large-format photos for good reproduction; please label the photos with the youth's name and age.

## Perfect Plants Records and Reports

My name \_\_\_\_\_

My age \_\_\_\_\_

### PHASE ONE: Planting Time

1. Where are you planting your garden (open garden, raised bed, straw bale etc.)?
2. What plants are you growing?
3. Why did you choose to grow these?

### PHASE TWO: Growing Time

1. Describe what you are doing special to help your plants grow.

2. What animals or insects have you seen around your plants?

3. Tell about what problems or disappointments you have had.

### **PHASE THREE: Harvesting and End of Season**

1. Explain what you learned by doing this growing activity.

2. What kind of surprises did you have?

3. Share what was the most fun about this growing experience.

4. I succeeded because \_\_\_\_\_ helped me.

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