



# Youth Gardening Rules for National Contest

## PUMPKIN OR GOURD

All paperwork for the GOA National Youth Gardening Contest is due **OCTOBER 15, 2020**.

Mail your completed paperwork to the Youth Gardening National Chair: Cheri Kessen, 1205 Limberlost Trail, Rome City, IN 46784 or [ckessen2001@yahoo.com](mailto:ckessen2001@yahoo.com).

Mail the three required digital photos (one from each phase) to [goafortwayne@gmail.com](mailto:goafortwayne@gmail.com). We need large-format photos; please label the photos with the youth's name and age.

Find this form and other Youth Gardening news and ideas at [gardenersofamerica.club](http://gardenersofamerica.club).

## Pumpkin/Gourd Records and Reports

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

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

### PHASE ONE: Planting Time

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why did you decide to grow pumpkins or gourds?
2. What was the specific name of your seeds and from what seed company?
3. What did you do to prepare the soil and space for planting your seeds?

While you are waiting for your seeds to sprout and start growing, read a book or an article about pumpkins or gourds in a newspaper, magazine or the web. Have someone read to you if you can't read.

- A. Name of story and author of what you read: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Briefly tell about the story:
- C. What is something you learned from reading this?
- D. What did you like about what you read?

## PHASE TWO: Growing Time

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How are your pumpkins or gourds changing?
2. Describe what you did or are doing to help your plants grow strong and healthy.
3. What kind of insects and/or animals have you seen around your plants?
4. List ways you can use your pumpkin and its seeds as foods to eat.
5. List ways you can use your pumpkin and its seeds as decorations.
6. List ways you can decorate your gourd or use it as a decoration.

## PHASE THREE: Harvesting and End of Season

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What problems or disappointments did you have?
2. What surprises did you have?
3. Explain what you learned by growing pumpkins or gourds.
4. Share what was the most fun about your garden this year.
5. I succeeded because \_\_\_\_\_ helped me.