



Texas 4-H Photography Contest

2020 - 2021 Rules and Guidelines

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PURPOSE

The Texas 4-H Photography Contest encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in the area of photography, including the use of photographic equipment and processing of photographs.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
- To gain knowledge about cameras, camera settings, photography dimension and resolution.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool in their lives.
- To provide a photography project showcase opportunity for senior 4-H members.
- To continue to share the message of 4-H.
- To utilize photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

RULES AND PROCEDURES	
Participation Grades	Senior age 4-H members in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 as of September 1, 2020.
Photo Eligibility	Photo must be taken by participants between the dates of January 1, 2020 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one category.
Photo Format	Must be .jpeg, .jpg, or .png. Contestants may use any file naming structure.
County Entries	Each county may have only one entry per category for a total of 15 entries.
Entry Fee	\$10 per photo
Deadlines & Entry Period	Registration on 4HOnline Opens: April 1, 2021 Registration on 4HOnline Closes: April 15, 2021 by 11:59 pm Entries must be approved by the county office by April 17, 2021 Payment with a 4-H county or club check is due by April 24, 2021
Photo Entry Method	Members will upload photos on 4HOnline at the time of entry.
Event Name	2021 Texas 4-H Photography Contest
Ratio and Size	One of most important aspects of the photography project is learning about camera settings, photography ratios, and photo resolution. Volunteer leaders and 4-H members are encouraged to include a lesson on this topic in their project experiences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size Ratio: Must be 3:2 (4"x6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratio (either landscape or portrait). • File Size: Photo must be a minimum of 1MB and a maximum of 10MB. • Tips: Upload the highest resolution possible. Review your photo at 100% size before uploading.
Alterations	Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as changing colors, applying design styles, or using computer graphics will disqualify an entry. Any other alteration, manipulation, edits, to a photo would require the photo to be entered into the Enhanced category.
Text on Photographs	Photographs must not contain camera or user placed text. This includes such things as date stamps, comments, or titles. Text or wording that is part of the photograph (i.e. photo of a street sign, etc.) is acceptable.
Original Work of 4-H member	The entry must be the original photographic work of the 4-H member and not a photo taken by family members, other 4-H members, or secured from any other printed/electronic source. Any photo proven to be found as not original work will result in disqualification of ALL the 4-H member's entries into the Photography Contest. Additionally, actions may be taken against the 4-H member in regards to the Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct signed by the 4-H member.

AWARDS, DISPLAY AND JUDGING	
Awards and Recognition	<p>1. Quality Awards: Blue, Red, White and Green Participation quality awards will be given based on the scoring values.</p> <p>2. Best of Show Awards: A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to one photo in each category.</p> <p>3. Cash Awards: Each Best of Show winner will receive a \$250.00 cash prize.</p> <p><i>Tentatively, award packets for each county will be available for pickup at Texas 4-H Roundup. If the packet is not picked up, it will be mailed to the county office afterwards. Score sheets with comments will be available within the Submittable platform after judging is complete.</i></p>
Judging and Results	Each photograph will be judged against a set of judging criteria, and not against photographs of peers. Based on total points awarded for each photograph, the participant will be awarded either a blue, red, white, or a participation ribbon. See Contest Judging Criteria. Judges will determine the placings and all decisions are final. Results will be available on the Texas 4-H Website after Texas 4-H Roundup concludes.
Roundup Display and Participation	Photos will be displayed at an exhibit during Texas 4-H Roundup. Photography contest participants are not required to attend State 4-H Roundup unless they are competing in another contest. If a 4-H member/adult chooses to attend to view the display they may do so, but are required to pay the required registration fee.
RELEASES	
Content	Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, sexually-oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any decency standards or laws are strictly prohibited. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to determine and refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.
Copyright	The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program respects the rights related to copyright laws and intellectual property. All photos must be the participant's own work. Use of a photo from other sources/people without permission is not allowed. Photos may be subjected to reverse image searches on the internet.
Display and Future Usage Rights	By entry, the participant grants permission to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and any other public or private agency authorized by the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, the use, and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Certain photos may be used for 4-H program and marketing uses.
Liability Release	The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, and/or its employees/agents involved in the contest will not be held liable for non-displayed photographs.
Model and Property Releases	It is required that each participant have sufficient permission granted to both the photographer and the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program to publish and use as needed any recognizable locations or people photographed. Documentation should be retained by the participant and be available upon request from the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.
DISQUALIFICATION	
Reasons for disqualification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broken content rule. This includes inappropriate or unsuitable content. • Broken copyright rule. Photo is not the work of the 4-H member. • Broken display and future rights usage rule. • Broken model and property release rule. • Category: Does not meet category criteria, rules or guidelines. (see category descriptions) • Category: Multiple county entries into a category. • Category: One photo entered into multiple categories. • County did not select/certify photograph to represent county by the deadline. • Entry fee not paid or only partial fee paid. • Extremely poor quality/resolution. • Manipulation of photo beyond what is allowed. • Photograph does not meet the minimum or exceeds the maximum file size allowed. <p><i>Disqualification for any reason will forfeit all entry fees. No refunds will be given.</i></p>