



Dallas County Photography Contest

2017-2018

Rules and Guidelines

1. **Participation.** Participants must be active Texas 4-H Members, currently enrolled in 4-H Connect.
2. **Age Divisions.** Age divisions are determined by a participant's grade as of August 31st, 2017 as follows:
 - **Junior** must be at least 8 years old and in grades 3, 4, or 5
 - **Intermediate** in grades 6, 7, or 8
 - **Senior** in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 and must not be older than the age of 18
3. **Categories.** Each student has the option to enter as many or as little categories as they like. One submission per category (up to 15 possible submissions). More information on what is expected in each category can be found via the link on the last page. The categories are as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals – Domestic • Animals – Wildlife • Catch All • Details & Macro • Dominant Color • Elements of Design • Enhanced • Food 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape & Nature (non-animal) • Motion/ Action • People • Plant/ Flora • Sports • Theme – BACKYARD • Travel & Place
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4. **Entry Fee.** The entry fee will be \$5.00 for each initial entry, and \$.50 for each additional entry. The entry fee must be paid at time of submission of photos to the Dallas County Extension Office.
5. **Advancing to State.** The "Best of Class" in each category for the Senior age division will advance to the State competition. The same photo that is used in this contest must be used at the State level.
6. **Photo Eligibility.** Photo must be taken by participants between the dates of January 1, 2017 and the time of entry. Photos may be submitted only one time and in only one category.
7. **Resolution and Size.**

- Photo must be a minimum of 300 dpi quality resolution.
- • Size: Must be 3:2 (4"X6") or 5:4 (8"x10") ratio (either landscape or portrait).
- • Size: Photo may not be larger than 5120KB (5MB).
- If you need assistance in resizing photos, you can use: <http://webresizer.com/>, or a program of your choice

8. **Formatting the Photograph.** Photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible. Photo Mounting. All prints must be permanently mounted on PHOTOGRAPHIC MOUNT BOARD OR A BOARD OF LIKE THICKNESS (foam board is acceptable), no larger than 8"x10". Photos must completely cover foam or mount board backing. Masonite, photo folders, corrugated cardboard or poster board is not acceptable. Entrants should be aware that double faced tape, glue, or rubber cement will not hold up when the photo is displayed under high heat or in humid conditions (use dry mounting, if possible). Matting of any kind is not allowed and will result in disqualification. Do not attach Velcro grip to the back of your photo, as doing so may damage other's photos.

9. **Labeling the Photograph.** Cut along the lines and securely affix a form to the back/center of each photo. Please print legibly, and make sure all check boxes are clearly marked. Duplicate this form as necessary.

- <https://d44-h.tamu.edu/files/2016/11/photo-label.pdf>

10. **Alterations and Text.**

- 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 or applying design styles, 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.

11. **Original Work of 4-H Member.** 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.

12. Awards and Recognition.

- Quality Awards: Blue, Red, White and Green Participation quality awards will be given based on the scoring criteria.
- Best of Show Awards: A Best of Show Rosette will be awarded to one photo in each category.

13. 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.

14. Content. Photos that are deemed obscene, vulgar, sexually-oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any laws are strictly prohibited. The Dallas County Extension Office reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.

15. Copyright. The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program respects the rights related to copyright laws and intellectual property. All photos should be based on a participant's original photograph. Use of a photo from other sources/people without permission is not allowed.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. Reasons for Disqualification.

- 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.
- Registration was not completed by deadline. Entry was submitted after deadlines, or without complete registration
- 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 resolution of 300 dpi or minimum size of a 3:2 (4"X6").

For a more detailed resource: https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/17-18_Texas4H_Photo_Rules.pdf