

Missouri State Fair Show Photography Contest

Contest Eligibility

1. Each contestant must be currently enrolled in a 4-H club or FFA chapter.
2. Junior contestants must be at least 8 years of age, in third grade, and under 13 years of age as of January 1st of the current year.
3. Senior contestants must be at least 14 years of age on January 1st of the current year and not be more than 21 years of age on January 1st of the current year.
4. Contestants are eligible to compete in this contest in subsequent years
5. Entries are limited to one per participant. Each exhibit must be an original work of the participant that has been completed since the previous year's contest and that related to the equine projects.

Photograph Requirements

1. Photos must be mounted on a rectangular 8"x10" or smaller matte board. It can be the color of the photographer's choice.
2. The mounted photo should be placed in a clear plastic 8 ¼ x 10 ½ inch sleeve.
3. Include name, address, and county or chapter on the back of each photo.
4. No framed photographs will be accepted (the manner in which the photographs will be displayed does not permit us to safely handle glass).
5. Photographs may be taken with digital or 35mm (film) camera and may be cropped; however, no other manipulations are acceptable.
6. Photographs that display unsafe activities will not be displayed or judged. The decision of the contest manager and judge will be final.
7. Each photograph should have an equine as the clear subject of the photograph. Photographs of people only will not be accepted.
8. No identifying information should appear on the front of the photograph.

Digital Editing Rules

1. We will follow the State Fair editing ruled for 4-H photography exhibits, certain types of editing are permissible, and others are not,
2. Altering (editing to change the contents of) a photo is not permitted for exhibits.
 - a. Examples include adding a sunset or object, removing someone from the shot, airbrushing to cover a bad complexion, giving a photo subject dinosaur eyes, etc.
3. Enhancing (editing to improve the existing qualities of) a photo is permitted.
 - a. Examples include cropping the photo, eliminating reddyeye and changing levels of saturation, brightness, contrast, etc.

Rules

1. This contest is open to photographs taken by Missouri 4-H and FFA members. Participants do not have to be competing in the horse show in order to enter this contest.
2. Each participant may enter only one photo exhibit in this contest.
3. Photographs must be received no later than 11:30am on the day of the contest.
4. Photographs entered in this contest will be released following the Exhibitor Dinner at 5pm and must be picked up by the conclusion of the Missouri State Fair Equine Shows on Sunday.

Scoring

1. Photographs will be scored on
 - a. Impact (15 points)
 - b. Creativity (15 points)
 - c. Technical (25 points)
 - d. Composition (25 points)
 - e. Subject Matter (15 points)
 - f. Story Telling (10 points)
2. Photographs not meeting formatting requirements will not be judged.