

Photography Contest

1. The photography contest is open to all individuals in Eastland County, ages 5 and up.
2. Entry fees are \$1 per entry for youth and \$2 per entry for adults.
3. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and taken since January 1, 2024.
4. Photographs must be printed in an 8x10 and mounted to an 8x10 solid photographic mount board, foam core, foam poster board, or poster board. **Entries printed or mounted on any other size (ie. 4x6, 5x7, 11x14, etc.) will not be accepted.**
5. Each photo must be labeled on the back with the exhibitor's name, phone number, age division, category and sub-category.
6. Each photo entry must be submitted in a clear plastic sleeve or other protective covering. The Eastland County Creative Arts Contest is not responsible for any damages incurred as a result of an entry submitted without a plastic sleeve or protective covering.
7. An individual may enter as many categories as they wish, but only one entry per class is permitted (i.e. exhibitors may enter two animal photographs, but one must be in color and the other in black/white).
8. Any entries depicting violence, drug use, alcohol use or other inappropriate language, illustration and/or images will not be accepted.
9. Entries must be turned in at the Eastland County Livestock Show Grounds, Hutto-Humiston building on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, between 9am and 7pm.
10. Entries will be displayed on Friday, January 10, 2025, between 12pm and 5pm.
11. All entries must be picked up on Friday, January 10, 2025, between 5pm and 7pm. If you are unable to pick your entry up by 7pm, you must make arrangements for someone else to do so for you. The contest superintendent is not responsible for entries that are not picked up.
12. Entries will be placed First through Third in each division and age category. "Best of Show" will be awarded for each age division.
13. All "Best of Show" recipients will be entered (with exhibitor approval) into a Silent Auction held on Friday, January 10, 2025 from 12pm to 4pm. 50% of proceeds from that entry will be awarded to the exhibitor; 50% will be retained by the ECCAC to fund ribbon and supply purchases for future contests.

Age Divisions:

- Elementary Youth (5-7 years)
- Junior Youth (8-10 years)
- Intermediate Youth (11-13 years)
- Senior Youth (14-18 years)
- Adult (19 and up)

Categories:

1. People (includes any photo where the subject is a person).
2. Animals (includes any photo where an animal, insect, or underwater creature is the focus. No animals should be harmed in any way in the process of collecting the photograph).
3. Still Life (photography where inanimate objects are pre-arranged or set up by the photographer; composition does NOT occur naturally).
4. Plant/Flora (includes any photo that focuses on the flower or plant structure, NOT as part of a landscape).
5. Architecture (includes any photo that focuses on a building or other structure. Photo should not include a focus of people, animals or landscape).
6. Action (includes any photo where the subject is moving).
7. Natural Landscapes (includes landscapes, seascapes, underwater scenes, and sunrises/sunsets)
8. Night Photo (includes any photo of any subject taken outdoors between dusk and dawn, generally using artificial light or a long exposure).
9. Details/Macro (includes any photo of any subject that has been taken at close range and focuses on the smaller details of a larger picture).
10. Textures/Patterns (includes any photo of any subject that focuses on the texture or pattern of the subject).
11. Automobiles/Machinery (includes any photo that focuses on any type of automobile, plane, boat, trailer, other machinery, etc.).
12. Special Effects/Creative Effects (Any photo that has been enhanced to bring out dramatic or artistic qualities, either using the camera or during the developing process. Antiquing, hand-tinting, sepia tones and color manipulations would be entered in this category).
13. Miscellaneous (includes any photo that does not fit into any other category).

Subcategories (for all categories, **excluding Miscellaneous and Special Effects**):

Black/White

Color

The greatest care will be taken in handling entries; however, the Eastland County Creative Arts Contest and its volunteers will not be responsible for loss or damage to any entry submitted. Your entry into this Department shall imply an agreement on your part with conditions set forth.