



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Rules and Guidelines

The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo's intention is to encourage the education and appreciation of our western heritage through the Photography Contest. The Photography Contest promotes the interests and talents of its participants to the visitors of the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.

ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to all ages and all photography levels. Youth entries (17 years of age & under) will be accepted from the following counties, public, private, or home schooled students. Any student participating in the contest must be a citizen of the United States.

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| a. Brazos | e. Madison |
| b. Burleson | f. Milam |
| c. Grimes | g. Robertson |
| d. Leon | h. Washington |

Adult entries (18 & older) will be accepted with no residency restrictions. Both amateur and professional photographers welcome.

Entries will be classified by exhibitor grade level or age. **Divisions** are as follows:

- a. **Pee Wee:** Grades K-2
- b. **Junior:** Grades 3-5
- c. **Intermediate:** Grades 6-8
- d. **Senior:** Grades 9-12
- e. **Adult:** 18 years of age & older

CONTEST GUIDELINES

1. All photographs must have been taken by the exhibitor between the dates of January 1st, 2019 and the time of entry. Photographs may be submitted only one time to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo Photography Contest. The same original photograph cannot be entered in multiple categories.
2. Content of photographs must be appropriate for persons of all ages to view. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to eliminate sensitive subject matter. Photographs that are deemed obscene, vulgar, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any laws are strictly prohibited.
3. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo respects the rights related to copyright law and intellectual property. All photographs must be the photographer's original work and taken by the photographer entering. Use of a photo from other sources/people without permission is not allowed and will lead to disqualification of the photograph.
4. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo and/or its employees/volunteers involved in the contest will not be held liable for missing, mislabeled or non-displayed photographs. By entering, the photographer accepts this release.
5. All photographs are judged on an individual basis of quality. Awards will be given to entries based on the score card criteria. Judges will determine the placing. Judge's decisions on all entries are final.
6. By entering, the exhibitor agrees and understands that the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo reserves the right to reproduce the winning photograph for any purpose.

Proceeds, if any, will benefit the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo in support of its mission.

7. By submitting a photograph in this contest, photographers agree to obtain all rights to images used in the photograph. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo cannot be held responsible for any model releases or images releases that the photographer did not obtain.

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

There will be two categories an exhibitor may enter; Western Art or other photography item. Exhibitors must write on the entry form which category the piece is entering. If artwork is not entered with the correct category listed, BVFR Staff will select either western art or other photography category for the piece to be judge within that category.

The following examples will be a guideline as to what is considered Western or Texas heritage art:

- Farm or ranch life (past or present)
 - Cowboy or rodeo episodes
 - Any imaginative country and western scene or landscape
 - Any imaginative still life depicting cowboy, Native American, or pioneer paraphernalia
 - Historical people or events, for instance the Battle of the Alamo, the California Gold Rush, the Buffalo Soldiers, Chief, Sitting Bull, etc.
 - Any famous or recognizable Texas landmark/building/place, etc.
 - Any Texas town or city sky lines, downtown squares, etc.
- A. Exhibitors may have a total of two entries per exhibitor, **only** one per category.
 - B. An entry that does not follow the rules will be automatically disqualified. Reasons for disqualification:
 - a. Incorrectly sized photograph
 - b. More than **Two** photographs entered per exhibitor
 - c. Inappropriate or unsuitable photograph

SIZING & MATTING PHOTOGRAPHS

- C. Photograph sizing and submission guidelines.
 - a. Dimensions may be vertical or horizontal, but they must not exceed specified sizes. Incorrect sizes are subject for disqualification.
 - i. Minimum - 11" X 14" (including up to 3 ½" mat)
 - ii. Maximum - 18" X 24" (including up to 3 ½" mat)
 - b. Photographs must be matted. "Professional" mats are acceptable, but they are not required. At a minimum, sturdy material such as poster board or heavy construction paper should be used that prevents sagging of artwork when hung. Mat boards are recommended.
 - c. Mat size must not exceed 3 ½" on any side. Double matting is acceptable, but total width of the double matting must not exceed the 3 ½" maximum.
 - d. Mat color is limited to white or black.

ENTERING/ CHECKING OUT PHOTOGRAPHS

- A. Photographs will be accepted beginning May 1st, 2019 – October 4th, 2019. Photographs submitted in the spring and summer will be held, undisturbed, in the

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo offices. Please note that photographs will also be accepted during this time but all entries must be submitted by October 4th, 2019. No entries will be accepted after the final entry deadline.

Final entry deadline: October 4th, 2019 (photographs must be delivered by 4:30pm)

- a. Exhibitor's photographs submitted by this deadline will be on display throughout the duration of the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo, Oct. 18-20, 2019.
 - b. Entry fees: Each piece of artwork entered into the contest will be charged an entry fee of **\$5.00**, due at the time entries are submitted.
- B. In order for an entry to be complete the following must be submitted:
- a. Entry Form including Completed Declaration, Release and Acknowledgement
 - b. Properly matted photograph
 - c. TWO Completed Photo Tags - One taped to the back of the photo and one copy for the exhibitor/teacher/guardian to keep and use in claiming their photo
 - d. Entry fees
- C. Exhibitors are encouraged to deliver artwork to the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo at the Brazos County Expo Complex. Entries may also be mailed. The Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo is not responsible for any damage done to photographs in the shipping process. Entries will not be delivered or mailed after the show. Photographs are to be picked up October 22nd - 25th, 2019 between 9:00 AM- 4:30 PM.

Mailing Address:

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo
Photography Contest
P.O. Box 594
Bryan, TX 77806

Physical Address:

Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo
Photography Contest
5827 Leonard Road
Bryan, TX 77807

AWARDS

Awards will be distributed as follows:

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place (in each grade/category)
- Division Champion and Reserve awarded when more than 3 entries in the age division)
- Grand Champion (adult & youth)
- Reserve Champion (adult & youth)

ALL OTHER ITEMS

Those with Photography items that do not fall under a listed category may still enter their project for display only. If five or more items are displayed in that category from multiple contestants it will then be added for competition the following year. Display projects must be entered with a 3x5 card including the following information:

- Who – name of exhibitor
- Technique – describe if a unique or specific technique was used
- Time – length of time it took to complete
- Title – name of project