



2019
NORTH TEXAS FAIR & RODEO
AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
Fair & Rodeo, August 16-24, 2019

Entries will be accepted at Fair Hall on:

Monday- August 12th, from 6:00 p.m –8:00p.m.
Tuesday- August 13th, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

We do not accept mailed-in entries; photographs must be entered in person.

The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage AMATEUR photography enthusiasts.

DIVISIONS:

Adult:

Ages 19 and older

Youth:

Children 5-8, Junior 9-13, and Senior 14-18.

CLASSES:

COLOR PRINTS / FILM (*ONLY*)

- People
- Scenic
- Animals
- General
- Architecture
- Humor

BLACK & WHITE PRINTS / FILM (*ONLY*)

- General Class

SPECIAL CATERGORIES – ALL AGES

Special Category (Different theme every year) – all ages (Must have a minimum 20+ entries to receive a Rosette)

NEW NTF&R Category – all ages (Must have a minimum 20+ entries to guarantee pass/t-shirt award.)

2019 SPECIAL CATERGORY:

2019 – Texas (When you see this photograph, it represents Texas, without saying a word.) (this category theme will change every year)

We will not accept gruesome, vulgar, disrespectful photos of any kind. Any photos that do not follow this guideline can be disqualified and turned away at check in. We want a positive NTF&R theme. This category is open to all ages and will be judged as one group, regardless of age. The same photo “display rules” will apply to this category. **There is a maximum of Four (4) entries per contestant for this category**, \$3.00 entry fee. Rosettes will be awarded for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion (Must have a minimum 20+ entries to receive Rosette Awards)

NTF&R CATERGORY:

North Texas Fair & Rodeo. It needs to be within the last 3 consecutive years of the NTF&R. This category is open to all ages and will be judged as one group, regardless of age. This class can have either color or black and white photo/prints. **There will be a maximum of four (4) entries per contestant.** **The winner will receive a custom North Texas Fair T-Shirt with a day pass for you to enjoy a day at the 2019 North Texas Fair & Rodeo! The winner’s photo will also be on display in the Fair office for an additional 30 days for everyone to see and will be posted on the NTF&R Facebook page!* (Must have a minimum 20+ entries to guarantee pass/t-shirt award.)

****This class is not included in the free one day pass for (4) entries.**

ENTRY FEE:

\$3.00 fee per entry – **Maximum of ten (10) entries per contestant (Adult and Youth)**
There is a maximum of four (4) entries per class in the Adult division.

Contestants with four (4) entries will receive a one-day pass for any day of the fair. **(This excludes the NTF&R category entries)** Previous year entries will not be accepted and disqualified. Cash or Checks only. Please make checks payable to “North Texas Fair & Rodeo”.

DISPLAY RULES:

Photographs entries must be an **8x10" ONLY**. *No other sizes will be accepted.* Please use the appropriate size mat frame. **We will no longer accept thick board, foam board or foam core board. The overall thickness may only be the thickness of standard mat frame material and the thickness of the photograph paper together. Photographs must be mounted on the mat frame and mat frame only.** (PLEASE do not use poster board or construction paper to mount your photographs). There should be no designs or cutouts to your mat board frame except for the cut-out where the picture is to be displayed. No OVAL cutouts to display your **8x10** photograph. The entire entry including photograph/and display board should be NO larger than **11x14"**.

NO FRAMES, NO GLASS! Do not title your pictures, and/or write anything on the front of the board or picture.

REQUIRED: Exhibitors must print your name, address and phone number on the back of your entries. The NTFR committee will assign an Entry number for it at the time of check-in.

Digital Photos will be accepted as long as they follow the same guidelines listed above, and may not include special effects or special enhancing. This will include altered or manipulated photos in a photographic, digital or manual process. If rules are not followed, you **WILL** be disqualified. We will only accept "true" black and white photographs (not sepia, antique, altered color tones, etc.) We will not accept any photo that has been developed on metallic paper.

***Please do not remove your photo entry during the fair. We would like to have these on display for the entire event.**

JUDGING:

Entries will be judged on an individual basis by a panel of judges according to criteria that has been predetermined by the committee. Judging will be on Wednesday evening. (No public viewing) The results will be available by the following Friday, the First official full opening day of the fair.

*****Youth:** Children 5-8, **Junior** 9-13, and **Senior** 14-18, will be judged with their age Category, not by classes. (ie: People, Scenic, Animals)

*****Adult:** Ages 19 and older, will be judge based on which class they have entered and against other Adults (same ages)

*****NTFR and Special Categories** are judged as a whole, does not have age requirements

AWARDS:

Ribbons will be awarded on merit for each photograph that is entered. Qualified entries will awarded with 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbons. Rosettes will be awarded in each Division, for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. Special Categories will have their own Awards as stated in their description.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD:

"*People's Choice*" Award will also be decided on Thursday August 22nd. A plaque will be awarded for the photo entry, which has accumulated the most votes during the fair by all fair attendees. The People's Choice winner photograph will also be displayed separately for the remainder of the fair for all patrons to view in Fair Hall. Please visit the Photography Exhibit at Fair Hall and cast your votes. There will be a display table with a voting box in Fair Hall. The North Texas State Fair & Rodeo is a family event and all photographs that are entered must be presented in "*good taste*" and are subject to be *disqualified* by the photography committee if they do not follow these rules. If they are disqualified, they will **not** be displayed during the fair. The purpose of this contest is to promote and encourage AMATEUR photography enthusiasts.

Entries **must be picked up** between 1:00 pm and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 25th. All photo entries that are left after this time will be discarded and will not be mailed back to the contestant. We will not mail back ribbons, rosettes or photo entries. **NTF&R WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST OR DAMAGED PHOTOS. NO EARLY PICK UP, SUNDAY ONLY!!!!!!**

**For More Information,
940-387-2632 or 940-390-1741**

DEFINITIONS

AMATEUR: A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession. Amateur photographers take photographs for pleasure and to record an event, emotion, Place or person.

PROFESSIONAL: Professional photographer uses photography to earn money;

DIVISION: Categories set up by ages, (i.e. Adults, Youth)

CLASS: A group of like exhibits that are judged together, a sub-category of a department, same as lot.

ENTRY NUMBER: The number assigned to each exhibitors entry. This will be able to identify the photo without the exhibitors name being display during judging. This promotes fair judging.

ENTRY: An eligible exhibit which is entered and judged.

EXHIBITOR: The owner of the exhibit as shown on the entry form.