

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST



Entry Deadline -----January 15
Entry Fee -----\$10.00
Delivery of Photos & Check-in----- 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Saturday, March 2
Auction of Photos-----6:00 p.m., Friday, March 15
Release (LIVESTOCK OFFICE)----- 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 17

SPECIFIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All photography must have been taken between March of 2018 and January of 2019. Photographs may not have been entered in a previous Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show. The Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show will not be responsible for damaged photographs. Participants may protect their entries with clear plastic. Entries must be suitable for all groups. Inappropriate subject matter will be disqualified. The photography committee reserves the right to reject material considered inappropriate. Settlements of any disputes or discrepancies, that may arise, are at the sole discretion of the Photography Contest Committee. All decisions of the judges are final. All photos must have been taken by the person entering the photo. Photography of copyrighted material is strictly prohibited.

2. The exhibitor will enter in the division according to his/her age as of September 1, 2018.

Age divisions are as follows

5 - 9 Sub-Juniors

10 - 14 Juniors

15 - 19 Seniors

3. All participants must be enrolled in elementary, secondary or home school and be at least 5 years old and under 20 years of age as of September 1, 2018. All participants must be a resident of Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr or Willacy Country.
4. Professionals will not be allowed to enter. A professional is defined herein as one who is involved in photography as a livelihood.
5. Categories are as follows for each age division:
 - A. **Black & White:** Photos can be of any subject as long as they are printed in black and white. Black and white photos are not permitted in any other category. Images may not be printed in Sepia (brown tones), ONLY BLACK & WHITE. Sepia images do not qualify in any category.
 - B. **People:** Photos focus on a person or people from all walks of life - parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports and couples.
 - C. **Animals & Birds:** Photos focus on all types of animals or birds - wild or domestic. Photos in this category may also include all types of bugs, insects and fish.
 - D. **Still Life:** Photos of one or more inanimate (not living) objects in a composition, where the photographer has clearly given some thought to the arrangement of objects and to their lighting, focus and background. The objects in the photos must be ones which can be moved and rearranged, not part of the landscape or the fixtures of a building. Lighting can be either natural or artificial. Where the picture is just of a single object, it fits in here so long as obvious thought has gone into the placement of the object.
 - E. **Landscape & Scenery:** Photos focus on the beauty of nature. Photos in this category would include sunsets, sunrises, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, farms, nature images and other outdoor scenes.
 - F. **Action Photography** (previously Action Sports): Photos of any object in motion. Subjects can be those playing sports, dancing, race cars, running animals, etc. as long as the focus of the photo is in motion.
 - G. **Plants & Flora:** Photos of interesting, unique and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plants/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.
 - H. **Current Livestock Show Theme** (Educating Youth & Promoting Agriculture): Photos that exhibit or express the theme of the Current Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
 - I. **Food:** This category is a still life specialization of photography aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in such items of advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. NO PHOTOS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED.
 - J. **Elements Of Design:** Photos that showcase elements of design such as line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. Photos can consist of any subject matter as long as the focus is clearly on an element of design.

Contestants can enter either film or digital format in all categories. Black & White photo may only be entered in the Black & White Category. Sepia (brown tone) colored images may not be entered in any category, including the black and white category.

6. All entries must be checked in at the Event Center at the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show grounds on Saturday, March 2, 2019 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
7. **Exhibitor may enter only one photo for contest. Only ONE PHOTO per exhibitor entered.** Entries must be submitted on-line at www.rgvls.com on or before January 15th.
8. Entry fees are \$10.00 for each category entered. Entries may be paid on line by credit card or your PayPal Account. If paying by check, please mail copy of your entry from the on-line system along with your check payable to Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show.
9. Judging will be based on the following criteria:
 - A. Composition
 - B. Originality
 - C. Quality of Print
10. **Photos must be 8" X 10" and must be matted with a black or white or black with white.** Mats must be 11" X 14" with an 8" X 10" opening. Cardboard or foam backing of matted photo is permissible but not required. The maximum dimension of the entry is 11 X 14. No framed pieces will be accepted.
11. All photos should have an Exhibitor Information Form taped to the back of each. Exhibitor information Forms may be downloaded from the RGVLS website.
12. Each entry must include an EXHIBITOR ID TAG. This tag can be downloaded from the RGVLS website. **Exhibitors should fill out the tag and securely mount it to the front left bottom corner of the mat. (Exhibitor information will be covered by committee members prior to judging).**
13. Exhibitors SHOULD NOT attach hanging tabs to mats. RGVLS standard hanging tabs will be attached by committee after judging.
14. **Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion and all 1st place photographs from each category will take part in the "Toasting Texas Talent" Auction Friday, March 15 Auction at 6:00 p.m. upstairs in the Event Center.**

1st Place-----Rosette
2nd - 10th Places ----- Ribbons
Grand Champion ----- Belt Buckle
Reserve Grand Champion-----Plaque
15. **All photographs must be picked up Sunday, March 17 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. AT THE LIVESTOCK SHOW OFFICE.** Photos will not be released to "individuals" on Sunday. Team or club leaders ONLY can pick up the photos MONDAY in the office. The photo area should be closed while the team takes down & sorts by club.

General Rules, Regulations and Procedures on page 40 also apply.