TEXAS A&M GRILIFE EXTENSION

DISTRICT 8 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Description of Categories

It is extremely important that 4-H members, project leaders, parents, and county Extension agents review the descriptions of each category very carefully. Please do not enter photographs into categories that are duplicates from other categories or ones that do not clearly meet the category description. Photographs that do not meet the description of the category will be disqualified.

Category Description	What is NOT Allowed	Examples
ANIMALS - DOMESTIC Photos focusing on the various animals that have been tamed and made fit for a human environment. To be considered domesticated, the animal must have their behavior, life cycle, or physiology systemically altered as a result of being under human control for many generations.		 Chickens Cows Dogs/Cats Geese/Ducks (domestic use) Hamsters Horses Pigs Sheep/Goats
ANIMALS - WILDLIFE Category focuses on animals not tamed or domesticated and commonly found in the wilderness or the bodies of water throughout the country and world. Photos can be of wildlife in nature, zoos, and/or petting zoos.	Photos taken through glass.	BirdsDeerElephantsSnakesWhales
CATCH-ALL Category for photos that CLEARLY DO NOT FIT into one of the other categories.	Catch-all is not intended for counties to use to eliminate duplicate photos from multiple 4-H members.	Long exposure zoomed images Painting with light Polaroid image & emulsion transfers Still-life
DETAILS & MACRO Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category).		ClocksCoinsIce crystalsInsectsStamps
DOMINANT COLOR Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc.	Black & White photos, duotones, are excluded from this category.	Bowl of lemons, in a yellow bowl, on top of a yellow table covering, with a bright yellow tone sunlighting on it.

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ELEMENTS OF DESIGN	Digital creations or graphic designs	• Line
Images use of graphic elements of design. Photos that	made in commercial programs such	• Pattern
showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture,	as Photoshop, InDesign, or	Perspective
perspective, etc. Photo can consist of any subject matter.	Illustrator.	• Shape
		· shape
ENHANCED A single photo that has been technically manipulated to		Photoshop composites and creations
be an abstract, panoramic, stitched or composite image. Other variations are allowed as well.		 Images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters Photos with artistic borders Photos stitched into a panoramic
FOOD	Photos of alcoholic beverages.	Cakes/pies, Easter eggs, fruits and
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.		place settings, ingredients, sandwiches, Thanksgiving dinner, etc.
LANDSCAPE & NATURE (NON-ANIMAL) The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenics, nature images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.	Photos which primary subject is wildlife or person	Landscapes/GardensScenicsOutdoors
MOTION / ACTION		Ferris wheel spinning
The capture of movement within a single photo.		Horse running across field/pasture
PEOPLE Photos focus from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/fashion, sports, and couples. All individuals in the photos mush have provided consent and permission as a subject. If requested, a release will be needed from the photographer and the subject.		BabiesFamiliesKidsModels/Fashion

Category Description PLANT/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 plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature & Landscape category.	What is NOT Allowed	ExamplesRoseAn upward shot of a treeA flower bouquet
SPORTS Photo that captures individual or team sports. Can be either professional or amateur (human) and the focus could be on the sportsperson, the sport environment, the effort expended, or the conflict/rewards. Must reflect a strong message.		 Football player or team Gymnast Rodeo contestant Swimming
THEME Theme photo focuses on a subject announced and outlined in the contest rules and guidelines. For 2018-2019 the theme is "Promote 4-H". This category should contain photos of leaders, mentors, family, friends, and aspects of 4-H encompassing head, heart, hands, and health.		
TRAVEL This category includes images that express the joys and adventures of travel photography, showcasing place as an important part of the photo. This category can include historic building, ruins, islands, any subject you might encounter while traveling, as long as the photo expresses a sense of PLACE.	Photos in the travel and place category cannot be entered in to other categories (landscape & nature), but may be similar; however, photos in this category must depict traveling and experiencing other parts of the world.	 Disney World/Land Great Wall of China Roman Ruins