



Photography

Entry drop-off: Saturday September 18, 2021 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Entry Fees: 12 and under Free

13 and over \$5.00

limit two entries per participant

RULES:

1. Delivery and removal of entries, ribbons, and awards will be in accordance with the Calendar of Events and Delivery Times for Exhibits shown in the calendar of events.
2. The Otero County Fair Association, judges, or representatives will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any entry.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three scores by the judges in each adult category and division, and 1-6 in the youth division.
4. The number of entries to be accepted and displayed is limited to **175** and the Photography Committee has the right to re-categorize the prints as needed. The Committee also reserves the right to not hang a print if it does not meet size specifications or if other unique circumstances exist regarding the print.
5. Pictures must have been taken since the entry deadline of last year's Fair.
6. There will be a **limit of 2 entries per photographer**. **No writing** will be permitted on the front of the print. A completed entry form must be attached to the back of each entry.
7. **All prints must be mounted on foam core. Frames, matting, and white borders will not be accepted. All prints will be no more than 11 inches on the longest side and no prints will be smaller than SX7.**
8. **Do not mount pictures on cardboard.**
9. All pictures will be judged together in the category and division in which they are entered. Each photograph will be judged on its own merit relative to the division entered. This is not a presentation contest.
10. There will only be two types of entries: Color and Black & White.

CATEGORIES

Category I - Amateur - Instant prints or any standard snapshots taken with a fixed lens camera (one whose lens cannot be removed).

Category II - Advanced Amateur - Photographers using professional-type equipment and/or camera with removable lenses, and/or are receiving professional instruction. Photographers must not have received income from their photography.

Category III- Professional - Photographers who have received an income from their knowledge of photography.

Category IV - Youth - Photographs taken by anyone under 13 years of age. Any type of camera is acceptable.

Divisions Within Each Category

1. Action (a method of capturing an object in action and displaying it in a single image with multiple sequential appearances of the object.)
2. Nature (Scenic, Animals)
3. Computer Enhanced (an image in which the subject matter has been altered from its original state using after capture techniques such as compositing, high dynamic range, and photo montages. Any editing that fundamentally changes the image. Does not include basic enhancements and corrections such as burning, dodging, spotting, etc.)
4. Portraits
5. Still Life
6. Miscellaneous (Architecture, Commercial Art, etc.)

Judging Procedures

1. Judges will work independently and at different times.
2. Judges will evaluate each print on a tally sheet.
3. Entries will be judged on Creativity, Composition, Technical Quality and Image Content, on a scale of 1 to 5 for each criteria.
4. Highest score will win Best of Show.
5. The committee chairman will break any tie.
6. If a judge does not believe the picture has any merit, they will do so with a zero.

Awards

1. Only the top three in each adult category/division will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons. Youth division will be awarded to the top 6 in each category. **No** participation ribbons will be given out.
2. The Best of Show print will be selected by the judges from the highest score of all divisions and categories, and a plaque will be awarded to the winner.
3. The People's Choice Award will be chosen by ballots cast by the public will be awarded to the winner.