

# Oklahoma State Fair®

2018 Creative Arts Program

Photography Competition Guide

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Photography check-in is at the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center. Enter at Gate 3 from May Avenue.

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## 2018 Quick Reference Guide: Creative Arts Important Dates

**IMPORTANT REGISTRATION CHANGE! As of 2018, all Creative Arts registrations must be completed online.**

Exhibitors without computer access may use the computer provided in the lobby of the Administration Building at State Fair Park. Free computer access is also available at public libraries, many senior services agencies and other sources.

**Competition Guides Posted:** The guides from the prior year remain available until the new ones are posted.  
**Friday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.**

**Registration:** Available online at okstatefair.com (see link on last page)  
**Monday, July 2, 9:00 a.m. - Wednesday, August 15, at 5:00 p.m.**  
**REGISTRATION IS NO LONGER OPEN TIL MIDNIGHT**

**Delivery of Exhibits:** Entry clerks will receive items at the Creative Arts building on the following dates:  
**Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, September 9, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Pick up of Exhibits:** Entry clerks will release exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at the Creative Arts building on the following dates:  
**Monday, September 24, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, September 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

# Photography Competition Guide

## Rules and Regulations

### PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS

The Oklahoma State Fair reserves the right to reject any exhibit offered if it is objectionable in any way, if it requires an excessive amount of space, or if the capacity of the department has been reached. Any contest may be cancelled for lack of entries.

Your items will be handled with care; however, Oklahoma State Fair, Inc. is not responsible for items that are damaged while on display during the Fair.

Any article entered for exhibition must have been created within the last year by the person in whose name it is entered. Antiques & Photography entries are an exception to this rule. These entries must be created by the person entering but are not subject to time guidelines.

### EXHIBITOR AND EXHIBIT INFORMATION

**Who may enter?** Only Oklahoma residents.

**How many exhibits can be entered?** Exhibitors may make only one entry in each class unless otherwise stated. Exhibitors may enter as many classes as they wish.

**What is the cost to enter?** Creative Arts contests are free to enter unless the entry is late.

**What if I am not sure in which class to enter my exhibit?** Should an exhibit be entered in the wrong class, the superintendent may make the proper correction for the exhibit at check-in. Judges may also suggest changes for proper classification. NOTE: Entries in a different category MAY NOT BE SUBSTITUTED without a late fee. (Example - Entered a jelly but brought a painting to check-in)

**Can I mail in my exhibit?** No.

**Do I need to register for live contests?** Yes.

**How do I get into the Fair if I am entered in a live contest?** Free parking and gate entry are available to exhibitors who are entered in pre-registered live contests. Exhibitors must follow the current year arrival instructions, which are mailed or emailed to contestants participating in the applicable live contests. Only the exhibitor will receive free entry.

Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor except in the classes for Antiques and Collections. Antiques and Collections must be the bona fide property of exhibitor. Exhibits that have been entered at a previous Oklahoma State Fair are not eligible for re-entry, except as noted. Exhibits need to have been completed after September 1, 2017, except as noted.

Each exhibit will be evaluated by qualified individuals and the decision of the judge(s) is final. All cash prizes will be paid from the awards as marked by the judges and not from ribbons that may be attached to the exhibits. Judges are instructed not to award cash prizes or ribbons unless the exhibit is deemed worthy of the placing awarded. Premium payouts for the Creative Arts Department will be mailed to exhibitor after the close of the Fair.

Within 90 days from the last day of the 2018 Oklahoma State Fair, it is the responsibility of the Payee to file, in writing, a claim for lost or incorrect awards.

If it is ascertained that an exhibitor has made any false statement in regard to any article or exhibit, or, if any exhibitor attempts to harass or interfere with the judge or judges in the performance of their duties, the exhibitor shall be excluded from competition and forfeit all premiums.

Any protest must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$50, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Said protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Manager by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday of the closing week of the Fair. Judges will be encouraged to view exhibits after items have been placed on display with names. If they believe that an exhibitor is not in the correct skill level, that judge will be encouraged to protest the placement.

Every effort will be made to display entries in an attractive arrangement; however, items entered for competition will be displayed only through 3rd place. Other entries will be displayed only as space is available and at the discretion of the superintendents. When appropriate, we will display all items from one division together but this is not guaranteed.

# Photography Competition Guide

## Registration and Calendar of Events

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Deadline for Free Registration:** August 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

**How to Enter:** Competition guides and entry forms will be posted online on June 1, 2018. Registration will be accepted beginning at that time. All registration must be done online. Exhibitors without computer access may use the computer provided in the lobby of the Administration Building at State Fair Park. Free computer access is also available at public libraries, many senior services agencies and other sources.

**Online Registration:** Online registration will open on July 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

**Passwords:** Passwords from previous accounts WILL NOT be carried over to the next year. All exhibitors will be considered NEW exhibitors. Thus, the first time an exhibitor signs in for 2018 all new information including a password will need to be set.

**Late Registration:** A \$10 fee will be charged per exhibitor (not per entry) for anyone registering after August 15, but no later than September 2, 2018. Fees must be paid before the entry form will be processed.

**On-site Registration:** On September 8-9, 2018, exhibitors must register on-site, and they will be charged a \$15 fee per exhibitor (not per entry). On-site registration will be held on September 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and September 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### CREATIVE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>June 1</b>        | Competition Guides posted online. Entry forms accepted.   |
| <b>July 2</b>        | Online registration opens. Online registration period is July 2 - August 15.  |
| <b>August 15</b>     | Entry deadline for the Oklahoma State Fair Creative Arts competitions and contests. Registrations must be received online by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2018.  |
| <b>August 16</b>     | Late registrations processed with a \$10 fee. Late registration paperwork must be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to the State Fair Administration Building. Late registrations will be accepted through <b>September 1, 2018</b> . Exhibits will still be turned in on the check-in days or on the day of the live contest.                                   |
| <b>September 8</b>   | Entry clerks will receive items at the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center at the following times: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..   |
| <b>September 9</b>   | Entry clerks will receive items at the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center at the following times: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..   |
| <b>September 8-9</b> | On-site registrations will be processed at the west side of the Administration Building with a \$15 fee.  |
| <b>September 10</b>  | All Creative Arts entries will be judged (excludes live contest entries). This is closed judging. Exhibitors are not permitted to attend. We encourage you to come to the Fair to view results. Judging results will be posted online as soon as they are available. <b>Do not call or email to ask for results. They cannot be given out prior to posting.</b> |
| <b>September 13</b>  | 2018 Oklahoma State Fair opens! The Creative Arts Building will host a series of demonstrations, live contests, and special events every day of the Fair.   |
| <b>September 23</b>  | Last day of the 2018 Oklahoma State Fair.   |
| <b>September 24</b>  | Entry clerks will release exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at the Creative Arts Building at the following times: 2:00 to 7:00 p.m..  |
| <b>September 25</b>  | Entry clerks will release exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at the Creative Arts Building at the following times: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will dispose of items not picked up by 2:00 p.m..  |

# PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

## Division 3803

**Exhibitors may only enter 1 photo per class up to 12 entries total.**

Note: Young photographers may choose to enter in the adult class but may not enter both youth and adult.

### Important:

All photos must be 8" x 10" or 8" x 12" in size and mounted on top of an 11" x 14" black backing, OR 8" x 8" and mounted on top of an 11" x 11" black backing. Photos may be mounted on top of a solid piece of cardstock, poster board, or matte board but photos with a cut matte on top of the picture WILL NOT be accepted. Photos must not be titled or identified on the front, but identifying information will be accepted on back of print. Photos will not be accepted if they do not follow these requirements.

Only amateur photographers may enter. An amateur photographer derives no more than 10% of their income from their photography.

All photos must be taken by the exhibitor. Taking a photo of another photo does not make it eligible for entry by an exhibitor. Black & white or color photos are accepted in all classes. Photos previously entered in the State Fair are not eligible for entry again. Misclassified photos will be moved to the appropriate class. Photos will not be released early.

Classes:

### Adults

01. Wildlife – Mammals
02. Wildlife – Birds
03. Wildlife – Insects
04. Wildlife – Other
05. Rural Oklahoma – Structures
06. Rural Oklahoma – Landscapes
07. Urban Oklahoma – Close up
08. Urban Oklahoma – Other views
09. Americana (Other 49 states) – Urban
10. Americana (Other 49 states) – Rural
11. International
12. Geometric & abstract patterns
13. Portraits – Formal
14. Portraits – Candid
15. Still Life
16. Action
17. Alternate processes (Film based processes)

18. Digitally enhanced art
19. Twilight/Nighttime
20. Weather
21. At the Fair
22. Pets
23. Floral - Close up
24. Floral - Other views
25. NEW! Video contest\*
26. Miscellaneous

### Youth (16 & under)

27. Nature and wildlife
28. Landscapes
29. Pets
30. Weather
31. Digitally Enhanced Art
32. Portraits and people
33. Sepia or Black & White
34. Miscellaneous

\*Videos must be 2-3 minutes in length. After registering online, submissions must be emailed to [CreativePrograms@okstatefair.com](mailto:CreativePrograms@okstatefair.com) by August 15. Only videos in MP4, WMV, MOV, AVI and FLV will be accepted.

### AWARDS

Placing ribbons will be awarded through 10th place in each class. Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded for up to 50 adult entries and up to 15 youth entries.

**BEST OF SHOW Adult..... Rosette, Medallion & \$125**

**BEST OF SHOW Youth..... Rosette, Medallion & \$75**

**PORTFOLIO AWARD\*\* ..... Rosette & \$50**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CHOICE ..... Rosette & \$25**

\*\*Portfolio Award is presented to the exhibitor with the highest number of points in division 3803. Each 1st place win counts as 3 points, 2nd place counts as 2 points, 3rd place counts as 1 point.

**STATE FAIR SHUTTERBUGS:  
LIVE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOTOUT  
Division 3804**

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

- 1:00 p.m. - Check-in at Oklahoma Contemporary (formerly City Arts Center)
- 4:00 p.m. - Upload Photos
- 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Judging
- 7:00 p.m. - Awards Announcement

Space is limited to the first 50 exhibitors who register (in each class); these individuals will be notified by September 1. Alternates will be notified by September 8. Entry deadline is August 15, 2018.

After check-in and instructions are given, participants will be released into State Fair Park to shoot-it-out with other digital photographers. Participants must return to Oklahoma Contemporary by 4:00 p.m. to download the image of their choice from their camera memory card.

**PLEASE ERASE ALL PHOTOS FROM YOUR MEMORY CARDS BEFORE STARTING THE CONTEST.**

Participants may submit only ONE photo for judging. Submitted photos from all participants must include the element provided to them at check-in.

Judging will take place from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. All images will be compiled into a slide show. Participants and fairgoers will then vote for three of their favorites, with the top three vote recipients placing first through third.

NO DIGITAL ALTERATIONS or CROPPING! This includes any in-camera adjustment options.

NO TRIPODS ALLOWED. Tripods are a tripping hazard and will not be permitted. Monopods are allowed.

By participating in this contest, exhibitors are giving their permission to the Oklahoma State Fair to reproduce their image in any Fair publications, printed materials or merchandise without compensation.

Only amateur photographers may enter. An amateur is a person who derives no more than 10% of his income from his or her photography.

**Classes:**

- 01. Adults
- 02. 16 years of age and younger

**AWARDS**

- 1st Place (in each class) ..... Rosette & \$50**
- 2nd Place (in each class) ..... \$25**
- 3rd Place (in each class) ..... \$15**

## ONLINE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

### PHOTOS FROM THE FAIR JUNE 18 - JULY 13 ONLY!

If you ever attended the Oklahoma State Fair, chances are you captured some memories with a camera. Send in your favorite Fair photos for your chance to win an adult season pass for the 2018 Oklahoma State Fair – that’s one admission for each day!

#### **The Rules:**

This contest is open to all ages. Amateurs only.

All photos must be no greater than 10MB.

The photos can be black & white, color, or sepia.

One entry, per person, per category.

All applicants must email their submissions to **contests@okstatefair.com** with the subject line: State Fair Photo Contest. Please note: if you are entering more than one category, please submit each photo in a separate email.

Please include this information with your photo using this format:

Contestant First and Last Name:

Email:

Current Address:

Phone Number(s):

Category:

**Entries will be accepted from Monday, June 18, 2018 through Friday, July 13, 2018.** Late entries will not be accepted. Winners will be announced on Monday, July 24, 2018.

By submitting your entry, you are giving the Oklahoma State Fair permission to reproduce your image in any display, merchandise, publication or printed material without compensation.

#### **Categories**

**Fair Food Fanatic:** From traditional to unique, we’re looking for the best Fair food photos.

**Carnival Ride Renegades:** Spinning, riding, or upside-down; submit your best photo from the carnival midway.

**Animals & Agriculture Aficionado:** From prize-winning livestock, to antique tractors and farm machinery on display, give us your best shot.

**Fair Favorites:** This is a “Wild Card” category of sorts. Show us what you love about the Oklahoma State Fair!

#### **AWARDS**

The top photo in each category will receive one (1) adult season pass valid any day during the 2018 Oklahoma State Fair, September 13-23.

These four winning photos will be on display with the Photography Exhibit during the Fair and will receive first place rosettes.

