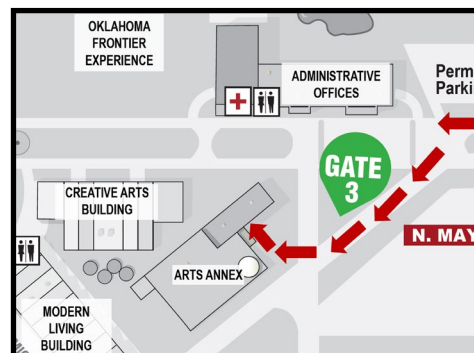


Oklahoma State Fair
2021 Creative Arts Program
Photography Competition Guide

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Photography entries check-in at the Creative Arts Building located at 3000 General Pershing Blvd, OKC, OK 73107.
Enter at Gate 3 from May Avenue.

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2021 Creative Arts Quick Reference Guide

Creative Arts registrations must be submitted online.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Competition Guides

Posted Online: *Tuesday, June 1*

Registration: *Thursday, July 1, 9 a.m. - Sunday, August 15, 5 p.m.*

Deliver Exhibits: *Saturday, September 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.*
Sunday, September 12, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pick Up Exhibits: *Monday, September 27, 2 - 7 p.m.*
Tuesday, September 28, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CREATIVE ARTS ENTRY INFORMATION

Who may enter? ONLY OKLAHOMA RESIDENTS. Our international wine contest is the exception. Exhibitors entering must be amateurs* unless an Open (expert) Division is offered.

How many exhibits can be entered? ONE ENTRY PER CLASS (unless otherwise stated.) There is no limit on the total number of entries. Photography is the exception with 12 total entries allowed per exhibitor. All entries must have been completed since the final day of the previous Oklahoma State Fair.

What is the cost to enter? CREATIVE ARTS ENTRIES ARE FREE if registered by August 15. (Only the wine contest requires an entry fee.)

May 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? Exhibitors receive FREE ENTRY AND PARKING with live contests.

* Amateur = No more than 10% of income earned through this skill

All entries must be the work of the exhibitor and completed since the previous Oklahoma State Fair except as noted.

CREATIVE ARTS 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. Exhibitors MAY NOT supply their own display stands. Only OSF stands will be used for display.
- 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 unless the exhibit is deemed worthy of the placing awarded. Premium payouts for the Creative Arts Department will be mailed to exhibitors after the close of the Fair.
- Within 90 days from the last day of the 2021 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 with regards 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 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 through 3rd place. Other entries will be displayed only as space is available and at the discretion of the superintendents.

Creative Arts Calendar of Events

Schedule for free registration: July 1 at 9 a.m. through August 15 at 5 p.m.

FREE REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE ONLINE. If you do not have computer access, please call (405) 948-6700 for assistance.

Late registration: A \$10 fee will be charged per exhibitor (not per entry) for anyone registering between August 16 - September 6. Fees must be paid before the entry form will be processed.

On-site registration: September 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and September 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibitors will be charged a \$15 fee per exhibitor (not per entry). **Credit or Debit cards will only be accepted.**

CALENDAR

- June 1** New competition guides posted online.
- July 1** Online registration opens at 9 a.m.
- August 15** Entry deadline for the Oklahoma State Fair Creative Arts competitions and contests. Free registrations must be received online by 5 p.m. on August 15.
- August 16** Late registrations processed with a \$10 fee. Late registration paperwork must be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to the Oklahoma State Fair Administration Building. Late registrations will be accepted through **September 6, 2021**. All entries will be turned in on the listed check-in days or on the day of the live contest.
- September 11** Entry clerks will receive items at the Creative Arts Building from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- September 12** Entry clerks will receive items at the Creative Arts Building at from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- September 13** All Creative Arts entries 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. **Do not call or email to ask for results. They cannot be given out prior to posting.**
- September 16** Oklahoma State Fair opens! The Creative Arts Building will host a series of demonstrations, live contests, and special events every day of the Fair.
- September 26** Last day of the Oklahoma State Fair.
- September 27** Entry clerks will release exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at the Creative Arts Building from 2 to 7 p.m.
- September 28** Entry clerks will release exhibits upon presentation of a claim check at the Creative Arts Building from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items not picked up become property of the Oklahoma State Fair.

ONLINE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

PHOTOS FROM THE FAIR

JUNE 21 - JULY 9 ONLY!

If you ever have 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 2021 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 creativeprograms@okstatefair.com with the subject line: Oklahoma 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 21, 2021 through Friday, July 9, 2021. Late entries will not be accepted. Winners will be announced on or before Friday, July 16, 2021.

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 two (2) adult season passes valid for all days during the 2021 Oklahoma State Fair, September 16-26.

These four winning photos will be on display in the photography exhibit during the Fair and will receive first place rosettes.

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Division 3803

Exhibitors may only enter one 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. 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 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 Oklahoma State Fair are not eligible for entry. 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. Pandemic-related photos (2021 contest only)
26. Miscellaneous

Youth (18 & 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

AWARDS

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

PORTFOLIO AWARD Adult Rosette & \$50**

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

PORTFOLIO AWARD Youth 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.

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

Sunday, September 19, 2021

- 1 p.m. - Check-in at a location: Oklahoma Children's Theatre Art Annex (OTC Art Annex)
- 4 p.m. - Upload Photos
- 6 - 6:30 p.m. - Judging
- 7 p.m. - Awards Announcement

Space is limited to the first 50 exhibitors who register in each class.

After check-in and instructions are given, participants will be released into the OKC Fairgrounds to shoot-it-out with other digital photographers. Participants must return to the OTC Art Annex by 4 p.m. to download the image of their choice from their camera memory card.

PLEASE REMOVE ALL PHOTOS FROM THE SELECTED FILE IN YOUR MEMORY CARD 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 - 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 derives no more than 10% of their income from photography.

Classes:

- 01. Adults
- 02. 18 years or younger

AWARDS

Ribbons will be awarded through 10th place in each class.

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