



MEMORANDUM

TO: District 12 County Extension Agents

SUBJECT: 2025 District 12 4-H Photography Contest

District 12 will be hosting its annual 4-H Photography Contest for 4-H’ers in District 12. The contest will be open to all three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior) and the theme will be “**Patriotic**”. The contest will be done on-line including submission of photos and judging. The 2025 District 12 4-H Photography Contest Rules are attached and currently available on the District 12 4-H website at <http://d124-h.tamu.edu>.

of Entries per County

Each county is allowed 1 photo entry per category in each of the three age divisions for a total of 57 eligible photos. Counties should plan on hosting a county photography contest to determine which entries will qualify for the District contest. Entering multiple photos in the same category will result in disqualifying entries for that category and age division.

Age Division	# of Entries
Junior (3rd-5th grade)	19 (1 per category)
Intermediate (6th-8th grade)	19 (1 per category)
Senior (9th-12th grade)	19 (1 per category)
Total Per County	57 Entries Max

Please take note of any changes before hosting your county contests.

Registration, Fees and Deadline

Each 4-H’er entering photos for the District 4-H Photography Contest must register online through 4-H Online. The registration fee will be \$8.00 per photo entry. Online registration will open February 3, 2025 and will end March 7, 2025. Payment must be made on 4-H Online at the time of registration. Payments made by 4-H check must be postmarked within three business days of registration submission.

There will not be a late registration period or on-site registration. NO REFUNDS will be given to a county and/or individual. This makes it very important for registrations to be correct. Payment is due prior to the event date. Please note, once you submit your registration for approval, you are agreeing to fulfill payment for registration regardless of whether or not you attend this event. **If you have a balance with Texas 4-H or District 12 4-H on 4-H Online, you will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid IN FULL.**

Submitting Photos

All photos must be submitted through 4-H Online as part of the registration process. Please read

these submission rules and requirements very carefully to prevent disqualification of entries. Photos must be in the correct format for proper evaluation. Entry steps, categories and other submission requirements are attached under the District 12 4-H Rules and Guidelines. Submit your photo(s) online between February 3, 2025 and March 7, 2025 as part of the registration process.

This contest is INDEPENDENT of the Texas 4-H Photography Contest. Deadlines, submission, and entries are different. Please make note of this when hosting a county contest.

Judging and Judges

All entries with submitted eligible photos will be judged between March 18th and March 29th via an online evaluation process. To ensure uniformity in the judging process all state judging criteria will be used for all submitted photographs. Be sure to review the attached judging guidelines. All judges will be able to evaluate entries and provide individual feedback for respective photos.

Awards

Awards will be given out at least one week after the judging period concludes. The award structure will be as follows for all eligible photos:

- **Participation** - All receive a Certificate
- **Quality Award** - All receive a Blue, Red, or White quality award ribbon
- **Best of Class** - One class winner per category and age division receive a rosette
- **Best of Show** – One winner per age division. Special award will be given (*see flyer*).
- **Grand Champion** – One special award among the Best of Show winners (*see flyer*).

The awards will be distributed at a later date. 4-H members can contact county offices after that date to receive their respective awards.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office.

Sincerely,



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