

DIVISION U – PHOTOGRAPHY

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Entry information for 2025 County Fair

ATTENTION: REVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENTRY LOTS AND CLASSES INCLUDING EXHIBIT PRESENTATION STANDARDS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS THE PREVIOUS FORMAT HAS CHANGED.

Entries accepted:

Monday, July 28, 4 - 9 PM
Tuesday, July 29, 9 AM – 1 PM

Exhibits released: Sunday 8 PM

Pick-up exhibits and premium checks
Sunday 8 – 9 PM or
Monday 9 AM – 5 PM

Notes for drop-off and pick-up:

- To save time on entry day, please pre-register by July 25.
- Park in the South Parking lot and enter the south end of the exhibit buildings.
- Upon arrival, stop at Bldg. B to pick up your pre-printed entry tags.
 - You **MUST** have your entry tag(s) **BEFORE** dropping off your entries in Bldg. C.
- Onsite registration is available; however, this process is time consuming.
- Please have your entry/entries, including exhibit presentation prepared for submission.
 - Volunteers will help attach the entry tags.
 - Let the volunteer know if you registered an entry that you are no longer submitting.

Presentation Requirements

- All photography entries must be mounted securely in a window mat or using a mat frame kit.
 - Window mats or frame kits can be purchased at craft stores or online.
 - Please see details listed under each class skill distinction.
 - No corrugated cardboard, fabric, thin backing or glass will be accepted as presentation materials.
 - No framed entries will be accepted.
- Size requirements determined by Class Skill Distinctions, more information below.
- **Do not put your name on the front**, only on the back if you choose.
 - Photographs with the artists name on the front will not be eligible for merit placements or ribbons.
- All entries will be prepared for hanging by Division U volunteers. Please indicate on the back of your entry which side is the TOP.
- An artist may submit as many photographs as they wish for judging. However, the artist is limited to entering **only one (1) entry per lot in a class**.
- Entries **MUST** be the work of the person in whose name they are entered.
 - Photos entered in previous Washington County Fairs, may not be entered again.
- Photographs must have been taken in 2023 to 2025.
- No entries may be mailed in.
- No canvas prints or framed entries will be accepted.
- Superintendent reserves the right to reassign an entry to another lot if not enough entries are received.

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Entries are judged by skilled, reputable photographers on the following criteria:

1. Appropriateness for Class/Lot
2. Over-all appeal
3. Composition
4. Lighting/Exposure
5. Quality of Entry Presentation

CLASS SKILL DISTINCTIONS

- **HOBBYIST** (Ages 19 and over)
 - o Images must be window matted for submission and presentation
 - o Two (2) print sizes accepted:
 - 5x7 (8x10 mat size with a 5x7 window opening)
 - 8x10 (11x14 mat size with an 8x10 window opening)
 - **YOUTH** (Ages under 10)
 - o Images must be window matted for submission and presentation
 - o Two (2) print sizes accepted:
 - 5x7 (8x10 mat size with a 5x7 window opening)
 - 8x10 (11x14 mat size with an 8x10 window opening)
 - **NOVICE** (Ages 10-18)
 - o Images must be window matted for submission and presentation
 - o Two (2) print sizes accepted:
 - 5x7 (8x10 mat size with a 5x7 window opening)
 - 8x10 (11x14 mat size with an 8x10 window opening)
 - **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** (Any Age)
 - o Images must be window matted for submission and presentation
 - o Two (2) print sizes accepted:
 - 5x7 (8x10 mat size with a 5x7 window opening)
 - 8x10 (11x14 mat size with an 8x10 window opening)
 - **ADVANCED** (For fine art or advanced skilled photographers)
 - o For photographers who use post processing software (Lightroom/Photoshop).
 - o For artists who have won Grand or Reserve Champion as a 'Hobbyist' at any county fair.
 - o For photographers who have completed photography classes in high-school, college, vocational, or adult education.
 - o For photographers who present their work on high quality prints.
 - o Artists are recommended to include a clear sleeve protector with their mat kit to protect the photo/print.
 - o Largest print size accepted is 26 inches x 30 inches.
- Limit 1 entry per lot per exhibitor.
- If there are a number of entries submitted in a class that are of a similar subject (i.e. butterflies), the judges or the superintendent may elect to add an additional sub-category to accommodate.

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CLASS 1 — COLOR DIGITAL (Hobbyist, 19 yrs. and over)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Tells a story (lifestyle, narrative, documentary or photojournalism)
2. Portrait of Person or People (candid or posed)
3. Animals (pets, wildlife, livestock, birds, insects, butterflies, bees, etc.)
4. Scene (architecture, landscape, skyline, city/rural scape)
5. Elements of Nature (seasons, sunrise/sunset, shapes, minerals)
6. Botanical Arts (flowers, leaves, plants, trees)
7. Abstract or Experimental (the division to express your creativity)
8. Other (does not fit in any other Lot)

CLASS 2 — COLOR DIGITAL (Youth, under 10 yrs.)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Animals (Pets)
2. People
3. Something you Love/Admire

CLASS 3 — COLOR DIGITAL (Novice, 10 - 18 yrs.)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Animals (Pets)
2. People
3. Something you Love/Admire

CLASS 4 — COLOR DIGITAL (Persons with Disabilities, Any Age)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Animals (Pets)
2. People
3. Something you Love/Admire

CLASS 5 — COLOR DIGITAL (Advanced)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Tells a story (lifestyle, narrative, documentary or photojournalism)
2. Portrait of Person or People (candid or posed)
3. Animals (pets, wildlife, livestock, birds, insects, butterflies, bees, etc.)
4. Scene (architecture, landscape, skyline, city/rural scape)
5. Still Life and Lay Flat (tabletop, food, arrangement of objects or products)
6. Macro (details, textures, patterns, materials)
7. Elements of Nature (seasons, sunrise/sunset, shapes, minerals)
8. Botanical Arts (flowers, leaves, plants, trees)
9. Abstract or Experimental (the division to express your creativity)
10. Other (does not fit in any other Lot)

CLASS 6 — BLACK & WHITE DIGITAL (Hobbyist, 19 yrs. and over)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Tells a story (lifestyle, narrative, documentary or photojournalism)
2. Portrait of Person or People (candid or posed)
3. Animals (pets, wildlife, livestock, birds, insects, butterflies, bees, etc.)
4. Scene (architecture, landscape, skyline, city/rural scape)
5. Elements of Nature (seasons, sunrise/sunset, shapes, minerals)
6. Botanical Arts (flowers, leaves, plants, trees)
7. Abstract or Experimental (the division to express your creativity)
8. Other (does not fit in any other Lot)

CLASS 7 — BLACK & WHITE DIGITAL (Novice, 10 - 18 yrs.)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Animals (Pets)
2. People
3. Something you Love/Admire

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CLASS 8 — BLACK & WHITE DIGITAL (Advanced)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. Tells a story (lifestyle, narrative, documentary or photojournalism)
2. Portrait of Person or People (candid or posed)
3. Animals (pets, wildlife, livestock, birds, insects, butterflies, bees, etc.)
4. Scene (architecture, landscape, skyline, city/rural scape)
5. Still Life and Lay Flat (tabletop, food, arrangement of objects or products)
6. Macro (details, textures, patterns, materials)
7. Elements of Nature (seasons, sunrise/sunset, shapes, minerals)
8. Botanical Arts (flowers, leaves, plants, trees)
9. Abstract or Experimental (the division to express your creativity)
10. Other (does not fit in any other Lot)

MINNESOTA NICE

- Limit 1 entry per lot per exhibitor.
- Taken in Black and White or Color
- Photos that are quintessential Minnesota

CLASS 9 — MINNESOTA NICE (Hobbyist, 19 yrs and over)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. The people (the scenes that make us Minnesota: hockey, cribbage, fishing, farming, etc.)
2. The places (landmarks, architecture, streetscapes, lakes and landscapes)
3. The wildlife (loons, moose, walley, etc.)
4. The Washington County Fair (any photo taken at the Washington County Fair)

Premium Codes:

Placing	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
A	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.50	\$1.25	\$1.00	\$0.50

CLASS 10 — MINNESOTA NICE (Novice, 10 – 18 yrs.)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. The people (the scenes that make us Minnesota: hockey, cribbage, fishing, farming, etc.)
2. The places (landmarks, architecture, streetscapes, lakes and landscapes)
3. The wildlife (loons, moose, walley, etc.)
4. The Washington County Fair (any photo taken at the Washington County Fair)

CLASS 11 — MINNESOTA NICE (Persons with Disabilities, Any Age)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. The people (the scenes that make us Minnesota: hockey, cribbage, fishing, farming, etc.)
2. The places (landmarks, architecture, streetscapes, lakes and landscapes)
3. The wildlife (loons, moose, walley, etc.)
4. The Washington County Fair (any photo taken at the Washington County Fair)

CLASS 12 — MINNESOTA NICE (Advanced)

Lots below Premium Code A

1. The people (the scenes that make us Minnesota: hockey, cribbage, fishing, farming, etc.)
2. The places (landmarks, architecture, streetscapes, lakes and landscapes)
3. The wildlife (loons, moose, walley, etc.)
4. The Washington County Fair (any photo taken at the Washington County Fair)

GRAND and RESERVE CHAMPION Ribbons will be awarded to exhibits the judges feel worthy of elevation and distinction.