



2021 Utah 4-H Virtual Photography Contest & Photo Gallery

PURPOSE

The Utah 4-H Photography Contest and Gallery encourages self-expression and allows youth to demonstrate skills learned in photography, including the use of photographic equipment, lighting, perspective, visual storytelling, and other artistic and technical skills.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop life skills in composition, light, story line, posing, and awareness.
- To gain knowledge of camera types and settings, resolution, aperture and other photography skills and concepts.
- To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a medium for visual storytelling.
- To provide a showcase for development and mastery of photographic skill and artistic storytelling.
- To encourage the creation of photographs which can promote and strengthen the 4-H program.

RESOURCES

Competition will be based on standard photography concepts, many of which are outlined in the Discover 4-H Photography curriculum found on the Utah 4-H website.

IMPORTANT DATES

In 2021 the competition period will be from February 1st to midnight on March 29, 2021. Registration as a participant will take place through Zsuites beginning Monday, February 1st. Entries may be submitted via email to Utah4HSTEM@aggies.usu.edu by midnight, March 29, 2021. Entries may include a link to an online source for the video such as YouTube, etc.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled and have an “active” status in 4-H Online prior to entry.
2. Age Divisions. Age divisions are determined by a participant’s grade as of September 1, 2020 as follows: Junior: Grades 3, 4, or 5 *Must be at least 8 years old; Intermediate: grades 6, 7, or 8. Senior: grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Participant entries will be judged using standard judging rules



and will be eligible to earn a blue, red or white ribbon. If sufficient entries are received, a “Best of Show” entry will be chosen in each age category. The senior “Best of Show” winner will be eligible to receive a State Contest Winner jacket.

3. Eligibility of Photos. All photographs must have been taken by the participating 4-H member after September 1, 2020. Participants may submit only one Photograph for Judging.
4. Photograph should emulate one of the pillars of 4-H: Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, or STEM. An artist’s statement should be included in the emailed entry explaining how the photograph emulates the chosen 4-H pillar.
5. Alteration of Photos: Although slight computer enhancements are allowed such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction, substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, using computer graphics will disqualify an entry. However, altered photographs may be entered in the Graphic Design competition, which runs simultaneously.
6. Text on Photographs. Photographs MUST NOT contain camera or user placed text. This includes quotes, comments, and titles. Text or wording that is part of the photograph (i.e. photo of a street sign, etc.) is acceptable.
7. Format of Photograph. Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg, or .png format.
8. Size of Photographs. One of most important aspects of the photography project is learning about camera settings, photography ratios, and photo resolution. Volunteer leaders and 4-H members are encouraged to include a lesson on this topic in their project experiences. Photo must be a minimum of 300 dpi quality resolution. Photos may not be larger than 5120KB (5MB). If you need assistance in resizing photos, you can use: <http://webresizer.com>, or a program of your choice.
9. Original Work of 4-H Member. Entry must be the original photographic work of the 4-H member and not a photo taken by family members, other 4-H members, or secured from any other printed/electronic source. Any photo proven to be found as not original work will result in disqualification.
10. Display and Future Rights Use Rights. By submitting an entry to the contest, the 4-H member grants permission to Utah 4-H and USU Extension the use, and rights associated to the use of the photographic likeness, in promotional publications, and other media, without compensation. Certain photos may be used for 4-H program and marketing uses.
11. Release. It is required that each participant have sufficient permission granted to both the photographer and Utah 4-H to publish and use as needed any recognizable locations or people photographed. Documentation should be retained by the participant and be available upon request from the 4-H Youth Development Program.
12. Entries from all age divisions may be chosen for Display in the Utah 4-H 2021 Virtual Photo Gallery.