

Photography Show Rules and Categories

Exhibitor Registration:

Exhibitors register and pay online using Shoman by the Registration Deadline. Fee for On-Line and drop off registration is \$5.00 per photo.

Entry Submission:

- **Registration Open:** July 7, 2026
- **Registration Deadline:** Sept. 1, 2026

- **Photos Accepted:**
 - August 31 – September 4, 2026 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
 - Saturday, Aug. 30 from 9:00-1:00
 - Mailing to 11315 State Hwy 64 W. Tyler, TX 75704
 - Bring photo with Photo Identification Form (available online in PDF format) attached to back.

Entries Released and Premiums Paid:

- October 6, 2026 from 2:00 - 6:00 pm in the main office
- October 8-9 and October 12-14 from 10 am - 4:00 pm in the main office.

Exhibitors should bring claim tickets to get photos after the Fair. Photos not claimed during that time become the property of the East Texas State Fair and will be disposed of at the discretion of Fair management.

Subject Categories:

Fine Art: Still life, floral, architectural details, interpretive environmental portraits, line/form/texture

Landscape/Architecture: The natural scene and the rural or urban cityscape

Human Interest: People, pets, action, human condition

Nature: Wildlife and plant life found in nature

Digital Manipulation/Photo Restoration:

Must be accompanied by an approximate 4 x 6 copy of the original photo(s)

Reflections: Uses surfaces like water, glass or metal to create symmetrical artistic images that add depth and a new perspective to a scene.

Patriotic: U.S. 250th birthday celebrations capturing images of American stories, service, landmarks, and national pride.

Groups:

12 Years and Younger

13 to 18 Years

19 to 39 Years

40 to 59 Years

Age 60 and Over

Professionals (Advertise and/or are paid for services as a photographer)

Rules:

- A single competitor may enter a total of 10 photos.
- Photos may be color or black & white.
- Photos must be at least 6 x 8 inches, but no larger than 11x14 inches.
- **YOU MUST** mount all entries on **11x14 size mount board** for display purposes. Mount board should be no less than 1/16 inch or greater than 3/16 inch thickness. **Do NOT** mount on construction paper or regular poster board.
- Photo frames will not be accepted.
- No previously entered photos at the ETSF will be accepted.
- Judges and ETSF staff reserve the right to decide which photos, if any, will not be displayed.
- ETSF will not be responsible for any damage to photos or loss of photos displayed.
- Exhibitor must register in the appropriate amateur age group or as a professional.

Premiums:

Best of Show: Amateur and Professional \$50

1st Place in category: \$25

2nd Place in category: \$15

3rd Place in category: \$5

No premium paid for Best of Age Group

Premiums will be paid during the designated time period **ONLY** and will not be paid after that time.