



# JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1, 2026**

**ONLINE ENTRY REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 13, 2026**

**ENTRY DROP OFF JULY 18, 2026, 9AM-3PM and JULY 21, 2026, 12PM-6PM**

**ENTRY REMOVAL AUGUST 26, 2026, 12PM-6PM and AUGUST 27, 2026, 3PM-7PM**

**Entry Fee:** 13-17 years old \$25.00 allows entries throughout Departments in Creative Arts, Ag-Grange, and Environment and Sportsman. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Tuesday, August 11, 2026  
5-12 years old \$5.00 allows entries throughout Junior Departments in Creative Arts and Ag-Grange. ALL KIDS 12 & younger receive FREE admission every day at the Fair.

**Ages:** 5-6, 7-9, 10-12 & 13-17

**Prize Checks:** Available Tuesday, August 18, 2026, between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks not picked up by Sunday, August 23, 2026, will be mailed.  
**\*Checks are VOID 60 days from issue date and WILL NOT BE REISSUED. Ribbons will not be mailed.**

## **Junior Photography Competition Rules:**

1. Please read and abide by all the Erie County Fair rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Monday, July 13, 2026.** For more information see the Important Entry Information page at [www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org).
3. Anyone 5-17 years old is eligible to enter this competition.
4. A junior exhibitor is limited to one (1) entry per class and a total of two (2) entries in Junior Photography.
5. Items will be displayed as space allows and at the discretion of the Superintendent.
6. Photos must be mounted FLUSH on 1/4" or 3/16" foam core board only. No borders will be accepted, unless printed on the print itself. This does not apply to the Series of 3 photos.
7. Photographs must be 8" x 10" or 8" x 12". Other sizes will be disqualified.
8. All photographs will be inspected upon arrival to make sure the photograph adheres to all rules & requirements (size, framing, etc.) If any photograph does not meet the requirements, it will not be accepted. Please visit the website ([www.ecfair.org](http://www.ecfair.org)) to see tutorials on requirements.
9. No photograph that is soiled will be accepted.
10. To note, the Fair accepts artwork from all individuals, regardless of ability. The category of 'Special Children of the Fair' no longer exists. The Fair is an integrated and all-inclusive event, and the exhibits exemplify this.
11. Works shown in former years will not be accepted. All work must have been completed by the exhibitor in the last five (5) years.

### **Judging Criteria**

Subject matter and medium fulfill the category listing

Presentation of the photograph

Degree of difficulty is appropriate for the artist's age and ability

Uniqueness of the photograph

# **JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION CLASSES**

**Premiums Offered:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue \$5, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red \$4, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Yellow \$3

**Tri-Color:** \$25 & Eligible for *Best of Tri-Color Award*

\*Tri-Color is an honorary award chosen by the judge for the outstanding article among those entered in competition in each section.

### **Photography-3**

1. Abstract-Non-representational
2. Animal/Pets-Domestic Animals
3. Animal/Wildlife-Wild Animals, Zoo Animals
4. Digital Art-Graphic Design and Digital Illustration
5. Human Interest-Portrait or Scene with People
6. Fair Theme-Photos from previous Erie County Fairs
7. Nature-Trees, Foliage, Insects, etc.
8. Landscape-Includes Seascape and Cityscape
9. Still Life-Flower Study, Food