

# PHOTOGRAPHY

**Open to Fresno County Residents 18 years & older; maximum of twelve prints per exhibitor allowed**

No duplicate prints will be allowed.

**We will *only* be accepting online REGISTRATION.**

Online entry site <https://fresnh.fairwire.com>

**If you will require assistance in order to complete online registration, please email us at:**

[fineartsandphoto@fresnofair.com](mailto:fineartsandphoto@fresnofair.com)

We are happy to assist you with your entries.

<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$10.00 per Entry (Non-Refundable)
<b>Online Entry Due Limit</b>	<b>September 7th, 2026</b> Three (3) Entries per class per Exhibitor.
<b>Photography Received</b>	At The Art Gallery/ Fine Arts & Photography
	Saturday, September 12, 2026 10 AM – 4 PM
	Sunday, September 13, 2026 10 AM – 4 PM
<b>Judging</b>	Closed to Spectators All Entries Will Be Accepted Unless Notified
<b>Displayed Entries Will Be Released</b>	
	October. 19, 2026 10 AM – 6 PM
	October. 20, 2026 10 AM – 4 PM

**Pick-Up of Entries** Any exhibit not picked up by October 23, 2026 at 5PM will be disposed of by the Fair. All checks will be distributed at the time of exhibits pick up. Checks not picked up will **NOT BE MAILED**. Checks that are not claimed by the exhibitor will be deemed a donation and will be returned to the department. Any Exhibitor with extenuating circumstances that is unable to pick up artwork must call the fair office for prior approval for late pick up. Please email: [fineartsandphoto@fresnofair.com](mailto:fineartsandphoto@fresnofair.com)

Owners must collect items in The Fine Arts and Photography Building on the above days. The Big Fresno Fair is not liable for exhibits and will not be responsible for items left. Items will not be stored.

## AWARDS SPONSORED BY THE BIG FRESNO FAIR

<u>Place</u>	<u>Award</u>
Best of Show	\$100.00 Cash, Ribbon & Plaque
People's Choice	Ribbon
Children's Choice	Ribbon
Judge's Choice	\$50.00, Cash & Plaque

*Two (2) Photos are given the Judge's Choice Award*

## RULES & REGULATIONS

**State Rules Apply:** As referred to in the Exhibitor Handbook, all state rules apply.

**Entry:** Late entries will not be accepted and late entries will not be received. Entry fees are nonrefundable. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Residence:** Open to residents of Fresno County.

**Age:** Exhibitor must be 18 years old or older on the opening day of the Fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Titles/Labeling:** The Photographer's name, address, division, class and title must appear on the back of the work, or will not be accepted. Only 29 characters will be allowed for titles of entered work. The spaces, quotation marks and apostrophes will not appear on the display identification tags. Data entry errors will be corrected. No other labeling changes will be permitted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**All entries MUST be submitted online.**

**All state rules apply.**

**State rules can be found at:**

**<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/fairsandexpositions>**

**Division Selection:** Please be sure to enter in the correct division based on your honest assessment of your experience.

**EXHIBITORS MUST CHOOSE ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE DIVISIONS FOR ENTRIES:**

**1) AMATEUR** – A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

**2) EXPERIENCED** – A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession AND ALSO has extended knowledge and skill beyond novice or amateur photography AND/OR a person who has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Best of Show in the Fresno Fairs Amateur photography division for 2 or more consecutive years.

**3) PROFESSIONAL:** A person who engages in an event or activity as a livelihood rather than a hobby.

**COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT- Original Work:** Submissions must be original content, created by the exhibitor and not contain elements protected by copyright or other third-party intellectual property rights. Your artwork should be your own original concept. Prints may be processed by a photo finisher. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Previously Entered Work:** No prints previously entered in The Big Fresno Fair are eligible for exhibit.

**Disqualification:** The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to exclude any entry that is deemed not to be in the best interest of the Fair for exhibition. The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to disqualify any exhibitor who does not conduct him or herself in a manner congruent with the temper, character and purpose of The Big Fresno Fair. In the case of disqualification by the Fresno Fair, its agents, or representatives, **THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY FEE REFUNDS.** All monetary awards, ribbons and plaques will be subject to forfeiture. Management reserves the right to limit the number of entries exhibited. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

**Display:** Entries selected for exhibit must remain on display for the duration of the Fair. Promotional literature, such as business cards and flyers will not be displayed with entries.

**Framing & Mounting** All photos must be mounted with adhesive on a thin, flat piece of material such as foam core or mat board, **NO** scotch tape. This must be at least 1/16th of an inch thick, **NO** cardboard. **NO** glass or frames are allowed. **NO** names or signatures on the front of photographs or mats. Prints may otherwise be disqualified. Entrants in the Professional Division are exempt from this structure.

**Hanging:** All pictures must be equipped with a photo hanging tab. In the interest of show quality and protection of exhibits, all photographs must be ready to be hung when they are brought to the fairgrounds. Any improperly prepared photographs may be disqualified. Hanging materials may be purchased at a local art/craft store. The Big Fresno Fair will be selling adhesive hooks at \$1.00 each in the building during receiving days only. **Masking tape is not an acceptable method of securing photographs.**



**Size Restriction:** The minimum size requirement for photos is 8 x 10 inches, **no 5x7 inch photos accepted.** The maximum size allowed is 16 x 20 inches. If an entrant chooses to include matting, the entire entry shall not exceed 16 x 20 inches and have no more than a 3 inch mat. 8 x 10 inches must be exposed for viewing.

**For Sale:** A photographer may set a price for each entry, or leave price blank. However, if piece is for sale, a price must be listed in the entry at the time of submission. All inquiries regarding sale of entries will be referred directly to the artist to complete the sale. The Big Fresno Fair is not responsible for brokering the sales of exhibits.

**Judges' Discretion:** Judges are contracted and act as agents of The 21st District Agricultural Association, Big Fresno Fair. These individuals facilitate the juried exhibition. They retain the authority to, at their own discretion, move items to more appropriate divisions and/or classes. The judges also may disqualify any exhibit that is not a true representation of the category description in which it was entered.

**Placing:** The judges may award a first, second, third or honorable mention placement according to merit, and, if without merit, the judges may make no award under any circumstance. This rule applies whether there are one or more entries in the class.

**Best of Show:** The judges shall award a "Best of Show." Winner of "Best of Show" becomes ineligible for 1st place in that division. The 2nd place then moves to 1st, 3rd moves to 2nd and Honorable Mention moves to 3rd.

**Popular Vote:** People's Choice and Children's Choice Award winners are based upon ballots tendered by Fair guests. Winners will receive ribbons.

**Judges' Choice:** The Judges will each select a Judge's Choice award winner. A Plaque will be awarded to each.

**Awards:** The Big Fresno Fair will take every precaution possible for the safety and security of all entries; however, the fair assumes no responsibility and cannot be held accountable for loss or damage. Upon this condition only are entries accepted. If he or she should so desire, the artist may obtain insurance for any item. The Big Fresno Fair does not assume any responsibility for artwork not picked up on the scheduled release dates.

**Publicity:** The Big Fresno Fair reserves the right to use any print or piece exhibited for publicity purposes.

## AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY

A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession.

**Limit: Three (3) Entries per Class per Exhibitor**

**Entry Fee** \$10.00 per Entry  
(Non-Refundable)

**Online Entry** September 7, 2026

**All Entries Will Be Accepted Unless Notified**

**Awards Offered** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Honorable Mention Ribbons

**Cash Awards Offered per Class**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$40.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$30.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$20.00

## DIVISION 1001 COLOR

This division is for color photographs including more than three (3) colors (other than black and white or sepia).

### Class

- Agriculture**  
Agricultural scenes, including equipment, crops, produce, farm animals, etc.
- Animals**  
Pets or animals common to the home, wild animals or birds.
- Architecture**  
View of a building or part of a building, a city or section
- Flowers**  
Domestic or wild
- Humans**  
Adults/Children either posing or candid.
- Landscape & Waterscape**  
Views of natural inland scenery (includes lakes, rivers, waterfalls, coast or ocean)
- Plants & Trees**  
Domestic or wild (orchards, yards, etc.)
- Sunrises/Sunset**  
Views primarily of sky
- Transportation**  
Autos, planes, boats, train, etc.
- Photographer's Choice**  
Any subject



## DIVISION 1002 MONOCHROME

This division is for images consisting of not more than three (3) primary colors (black and white or sepia).

### Class

- Animals**  
Both domestic & wild
- Architecture**  
View of a building or part of a building
- Humans**  
Adults/children either posing or candid
- Landscape & Waterscape**  
Views of natural inland scenery (includes lakes, rivers, waterfalls, coast or ocean)
- Plants & Trees**  
Domestic or wild (orchards, yards, etc.)
- Photographer's Choice**  
Any subject

## EXPERIENCED PHOTOGRAPHY

A person who engages in an event or activity as a pastime rather than a profession AND ALSO has extended knowledge and skill beyond novice or amateur photography AND/OR a person who has placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Best of Show in the Fresno Fair's Amateur photography division for 2 or more consecutive years.

**Limit: Three (3) Entries per Class per Exhibitor**

**Entry Fee** \$10.00 per Entry  
(Non-Refundable)

**All Fees Due at the Time of Entry**

**Online Entry** September 7, 2026  
**All Entries Will Be Accepted Unless Notified**

**Awards Offered** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Honorable Mention Ribbons

**Cash Awards Offered per Class**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Awards</u>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$100.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$75.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$50.00

**DIVISION 1003  
EXPERIENCED COLOR**

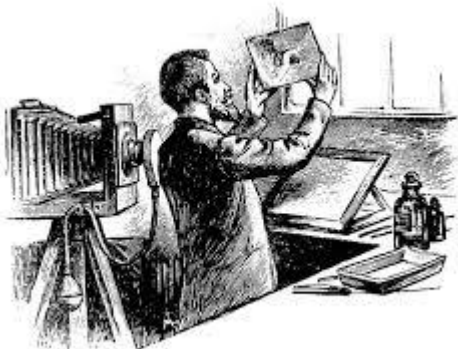
**Class**

1. **Animals**  
Both domestic & Wild
2. **Architecture**  
View of a building or part of a building, a city or section
3. **Humans**  
Adults/Children either posing or candid
4. **Landscape & Waterscape**  
Views of natural inland scenery (includes lakes, rivers, waterfalls, coast or ocean)
5. **Macro**  
Close-up or magnified subject, insects or butterflies
6. **Photojournalism**  
Image tells a story, including but not limited to sports action, disaster, etc.
7. **Still Life**  
Subject matter is inanimate
8. **Photographer's Choice**  
Any subject

**DIVISION 1004  
EXPERIENCED MONOCHROME**

**Class**

1. **Animals**  
Both domestic and wild
2. **Architecture**  
View of a building or part of a building
3. **Humans**  
Adults/children either posing or candid
4. **Landscape & Waterscape**  
Views of natural inland scenery (includes lakes, rivers, waterfalls, coast or ocean)
5. **Macro**  
Close-up or magnified subject, insects or butterflies
6. **Photojournalism**  
Image tells a story, including but not limited to sports action, disaster, etc.
7. **Still Life**  
Subject matter is inanimate
8. **Photographer's Choice**  
Any subject



**DIVISION 1005  
2026 FAIR THEME  
"Find Your Adventure"**

**Not Counted Toward Overall Maximum of Entries**

<b>Entry Fee</b>	None
<b>Online Entry Due</b>	September 7, 2026
<b>Limit</b>	Open to any Photographer One Entry per Exhibitor
<b>Awards Offered</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention Ribbons

**DIVISION 1005 FAIR THEME SECTION**

**Class**

1. Any Subject Relating to the 2026 "Find Your Adventure"

**DIVISION 1006  
PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**THIS CLASS WILL SUNSET IN 2027**

A professional entrant is a person who participates in an activity or event as part of their livelihood rather than as a hobby. According to the photography rules, a professional entrant may submit up to two properly framed or mounted photographs that are ready for hanging. There are no size restrictions, although available space may limit the number of entries that can be exhibited in this category. Neither the photographs nor the matting may display the photographer's business name or website information.

<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$10.00 per Entry (Non-Refundable)
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**All Fees Due at the Time of Entry**

<b>Online Entry Due</b>	September 7, 2026
<b>Limit</b>	Two Entries per Exhibitor
<b>Awards Offered</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Cash Awards Offered</b>	None

**DIVISION 1006 PROFESSIONAL**

**Class**

1. Any Subject

