

# PHOTOGRAPHY

Open Class

**2026 Fair Theme – Red, White & Rural, Candid moments of patriotic pride**

Rules, classes, and lots are the same for all divisions listed. **Please put age on exhibit tags in divisions 204,205,206**

Divisions:

**201: Professional (orange tag)**

Please bring business cards with entries.

**202: Sr. Citizen: age 62+ (aqua tag)**

**203: Adult: age 18-61 (green tag)**

**204: Student: age 13-17 (purple tag)**

**205: Youth: age 7-12 (pink tag)**

**206: Child: age 6 and under (yellow tag)**

Points Allowed: Youth: 12 8 5

Points Allowed: Student, Adult, Sr. Citizen: 15 10 5

**Rules:**

1. All photographs are to be appropriately mounted on matboard, foam core or cardboard strong enough to keep print flat. Construction paper and thin cardboard are not acceptable. Your presentation includes your mounting and matting. Frames and mats should enhance photograph, not overpower the image. Frames are acceptable, no glass. A simple mat or flush mount works best. Sturdy hangers (no tape or string). Tip: Hot-glued hangers work well. Be sure to use plenty of hot glue.
2. All images must be from photographs, either film or digital, taken by the exhibitor.
3. Computer-generated images use the computer to create an image or use a program or app to greatly alter an existing image from its original form.
4. Retouching is defined as adjusting colors, contrast, cropping, blemishes, red eye reduction, general cleaning up of the composition. Retouched images are NOT computer-generated images.
5. Print size: minimum size is 5"x7" image, maximum image size is 20"x24."
6. Photographs previously shown at the NCW Fair are not eligible.
7. Each exhibitor is limited to no more than 10 entries.

Lot:

1. Agricultural
2. Animals (domestic or wildlife)
3. Architectural
4. Portrait or character
5. Humorous
6. Landscapes
7. Night scenes
8. Sports
9. Sunsets or Sunrises
10. Western scenes
11. Winter scenes
12. Children
13. Last year's fair
14. Action scenes
15. Mirror images or reflections
16. Still life
17. Black and white images
18. Sepia images
19. Lightning
20. Computer-generated or digitally altered image

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22. Other

**Judging:**

- Criteria for judging: Immediate impact of photo
- Composition & design elements
- Uniqueness of subject matter
- Individual handling of subject matter (lighting, angles, lenses)
- Print quality
- Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.
- Ribbons will be awarded the Judge's Choice and Merit Award winners. No bonus points.
- A Best of Show award plus 50 points will be awarded in these categories at the judges' discretion - Sr. Citizen, Adult, Student and Youth.
- **Best of Show Award: Photographic Society of America blue award ribbon, awarded in these categories: Senior, Adult, Professional. free 1 year PSA membership certificate**

**Special Award: Don and Nadra Rivers Best of Show \$50 Gift Certificate**