

Arts

Division 17 - Photography

Art Director
Ramona Vigil-Eastwood
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New Mexico State Fair
September 10 - 20, 2026

Art Preview Night
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Doors open 6:00 PM

\$4,180.00 in Premiums

Walk In Entries Accepted
“NEW LOCATION”

Non-Pro/Youth, Photography & School Arts
Building (Formally School Arts)

Friday, August 14, 2026
Saturday, August 15, 2026
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Entry Fees

Fees are Non-Refundable

Section 260 - Youth
\$5.00 per photograph (Limit of 4 entries)

Section 261 - Adult Amateur
\$10.00 per photograph (Limit of 4 entries)

Section 262 - Professional
\$15.00 per photograph (Limit of 4 entries)

Special Rules

1. Photographer must be a New Mexico resident.
2. **Photographers are asked to complete a W-9 upon registration in order for the fair to process award premiums or art sales payable to artists.** Please use legal name, not photographer's artist name.
3. Entries Allowed: Up to 4 photographs per person. Color or Black & White. Signature on print or mat allowed. Business names are not allowed.
4. Each photograph may be entered once and cannot be entered again in future years.
5. Once an exhibitor has entered in Section 262 Professional, exhibitor may not change to Section 261 - Adult Amateur.
6. **Section 260:** Youth - 18 years old or younger. (Derives no income from photography)
7. **Section 261:** Adult Amateur-19 years or older. (Derives no income from photography, if in Section 261 - Adult Amateur, sells a photograph during the NM State Fair and is the only place your work is sold you will not be classified as a Professional for future State Fairs).

8. **Section 262:** Professional - 19 years or older. To enter work into Section 262, must be a Professional Photographer and make a portion of their income from photography.
9. Out-of-town Artists may ship entries and arrive no later than August 13, 2026. Include 1 check payable to NM State Fair for entry fee along with completed entry cards and **postage in the form of postage stamps** for return shipping fee. Out-of-town entries must be shipped to:


Attn: Ramona Vigil-Eastwood
Expo New Mexico, Photography Division
300 San Pedro Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

10. Entry cards available at time of entry or may be mailed to you, by calling (505) 222-9738 after June 25, 2026. Entry cards must be completed and signed by Photographer. Use legal photographers' names on entry cards, business names are not allowed on photographs.
11. **Photographs must be for sale.** The photographer must indicate price on the entry card. A 25% commission charge will be deducted from the price stated by photographer at time of entry on all work sold during the fair. **Payment for sold items will be mailed within 30 days from the closing of the fair.**
13. Photos submitted must be originals that he/she has created, composed, made the original exposures and that the processing and any special effects were done by the entrant. Copy work is not allowed, the NM State Fair officials reserve the right to remove any work that is a copy.
14. The NM State Fair is a family-oriented event. Images found offensive or in bad taste will be removed by NM State Fair officials.
15. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the State of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damage to any entry while in the Fair's possession. **Photographers are encouraged to carry insurance.**
16. Artists recognize that marketing of the Fair and its grounds require use of photography and video. Artist hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish Artist images and property and publish Artist images and property without the need for any other approval. Artist images & artwork will not be used for profit.
17. Unsold photographs must be claimed upon presentation of entry card receipts **Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.** Any photographs/items remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the New Mexico State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion. Photographers are responsible for picking up their own photographs or provide written authorization for pick-up by another individual, including entries which were shipped. Shipped entries will be returned the same container received, provided funds to cover the shipping costs were included with the entry.
18. Failure to comply with division rules will result in disqualification from being judged.

Identification – Backside of Photograph

- On upper right-hand corner, place a bold arrow pointing up to indicate whether entry is to be displayed, horizontally or vertically.
- Each entry must have the following information on the back, upper left-hand corner.

BACK SIDE OF PHOTOGRAPHY Identification Form Example

Photographers Name Phone Number (505) 100-0001 Albuquerque, 87110 Title - "City Lights" Class # - Ticket #, ex.: #1-1001 Scenic's Price - \$1.00	
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Section 260-261 Youth & Amateur Adult

YOUTH & ADULT AMATEUR ENTRY SIZE:

1. Photographs must be **Permanently Mounted** to an **11"x14" mat board**. The **entire back** of the photograph must be stuck to the mat board. Do not use foam core.
2. You may single or double mat your photograph. (The entry should not be any thicker than 3 single weight mat boards). Digital Mats are accepted.
3. **DO NOT FRAME YOUR ENTRIES (Framing is different from matting)**.
4. Photograph size on the 11"x14" mat board shall not be any smaller than a 5"x7" or any larger than 11"x14".
5. One photograph per mat board unless multiple images tell a story. Each photo on the entry must be at least a 5"x7" image.

Section 260 – Youth 18 Years & Under

Premiums			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Honorable Mention
\$40.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	Ribbon

Classes 1 – 6

1. Scenic/Landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes
2. Sunrise/Sunsets: Photo with a sunrise, sunset
3. Animals/Reptiles: Sea Animals, Insects, Birds, Wild or Domestic Animals
4. Human Interest: Any setting, including street photography.
5. Flowers, Plants, Trees, Anything that blooms
6. Miscellaneous: Any Photo not listed above

Best of Show	\$50.00 & Rosette
Popular Vote Award	\$25.00 & Rosette

Section 261 – Adult Amateur 19 Years & Older

Premiums			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Honorable Mention
\$60.00	\$50.00	\$40.00	Ribbon

Classes 7 – 12

7. Scenic/Landscapes, seascapes, cityscapes
8. Sunrise/Sunsets: Photo with a sunrise, sunset
9. Animals/Reptiles: Sea Animals, Insects, Birds, Wild or Domestic Animals
10. Human Interest: Any setting, street photography
11. Flowers, Plants, Trees, Anything that blooms
12. Miscellaneous: Any Photo not listed above

Best of Show	\$75.00 & Rosette
Popular Vote Award	\$40.00 & Rosette

Section 262 – Professional

PROFESSIONAL ENTRY SIZE:

- Entries must be in a frame, no smaller than 15"x18" and not larger than 30"x30" measured from the outside of the frame. Poster frames are not allowed. Glass or Plexiglas allowed. Framed photographs may include a mat. **Frames must be fitted with a wire, ready for hanging.** The wire must extend 2 inches below the top of the frame. Mat and frame colors are your choice.
- The size of the photograph must not be smaller than 11"x14" and not larger than 30"x30". A dry mount photo process before framing is recommended.
- One photograph per frame unless the multiple images tell a story.
- **Photographer signatures are allowed on front side of images. Business names are not allowed. PHOTOGRAPHS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM BEING JUDGED AND ANY ENTRY FEES PAID ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**
- Panoramic Images allowed and judged in class entered.
- Modern Metal Prints: Image on Aluminum Sheet

Section 262 – Professional

Premiums			
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Honorable Mention
\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	Ribbon

Classes 13 – 18

13. Portraits
14. Art: Illustrative, Creative, Abstract, and Impressionist
15. Scenic/Landscapes, Seascapes and Nightscapes
16. Urban: Cityscapes, Bridges, any setting including Street photography, Churches, Wrecking Yards, etc.
17. Wildlife: Animals of all kinds including insects
18. Digitally enhanced photography

Best of Show	\$200.00 & Rosette
Popular Vote Award	\$100.00 & Rosette