



COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS
ENTRY BOOK

PHOTOGRAPHY

150TH FAIRABRATION!

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Celebrating 150 years of the Nebraska State Fair with the “150th Fairabration”.

Photography exhibits are displayed along with other departments of the Competitive Exhibits in the Fonner Park Concourse that is adjacent to the east side of the Heartland Event Center. The closest entrance to Photography is on the north end of the Concourse (north side of the Event Center).

The most efficient way to enter your exhibits is online. Instructions on how to enter online are found on the web site, www.statefair.org. For directions on entering by mail or in-person, go to the entry information section in this book.

Need help in getting your entries to and from the fair? See [Shipping Options](#) for information or call the Photography Superintendent, Sue Kemling at 308-380-7114 with questions.

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PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

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New class in 2019:

Division 5406 Class 611 – Aerial or drone photography

Division 5406 Class 612 – Bomb Cyclone of 2019

Division 5406 Class 613 – Nebraska Strong

Recent rule changes:

The following rule changes were implemented with the 2017 NSF:

- Limit of 12 entries per exhibitor
- Advanced Amateur exhibitors may now earn up to \$3,000 from photography-related activities
- Youth cannot enter the same photo in 4-H or FFA and in Open Class Photography Department
- No written information (date, name, slogans, e.g.) about subject, or photographer is allowed within the photograph

Important Dates

Entry Deadline: Wed, Aug 7, midnight

Exhibit Delivery: Wed, Aug 14, from 3 to 8 pm and Thu, Aug 15, from 8 am to 3 pm

Exhibit Release: Mon, Sep 2, from 6 pm to 10 pm and Tue, Sep 3, from 8 am to noon

Early release is prohibited, but release time will start at 6 pm on Mon, Sep 2, closing night of the fair. Previously it was 8 pm.

Photography Awards:

The judge may, but is not required to, award a ribbon for the first five places in each class of all divisions. The ribbon colors and premiums provided by the **Nebraska State Fair** for all divisions are:

	Ribbon color	Advanced Amateurs and Special Classes	Amateurs and Youth
1st place	Blue	\$10	\$8
2nd place	Red	\$8	\$6
3rd place	White	\$6	\$4
4th place	Pink	none	none
5th place	Yellow	none	none
Honorable Mention	Green	none	none

The **Nebraska State Fair** also awards the following:

- Best of Divisions (6) - rosette and \$30
- Best of Show ~ Advanced Amateur - trophy, rosette and \$75
- Best of Show ~ Amateur - trophy, rosette and \$75
- People's Choice Best of Show – rosette

The **Nebraska Beekeepers Association** will award a pound of honey to the best bee photograph.

Judging Process and Criteria: All judge's decisions are final. Only the judges and assistants will be allowed in the judging area during judging. Photography exhibits will be judged according to the following criteria: technique, composition, impact, originality, print & mounting quality, and overall presentation.

Judging results will be available at www.statefair.org. Select "Competitions", then click "Competitive Exhibits".

Photography Department Eligibility:

Professional photographers are not eligible to compete in this department. A professional is defined as one that makes more than \$3,000 per year from any photographic activity such as teaching, sales, sitting fees or any other means.

Competition in the Nebraska State Fair Photography Department is limited to:

(1) Nebraska residents only

(2) and to the following two categories only

- **Amateur** - one who does photography as a hobby, does not advertise, teach or attempt to sell their photographic work and uses only basic editing functions. This includes using software for auto adjustments, exposure, white balance, brightness, contrast, rotation, cropping and image size. Entries in the **Amateur** divisions should be photos taken without extensive post-photo software manipulation.
- **Advanced Amateur** - one who uses advanced photography editing software and techniques but any income gained from teaching or selling photography is less than \$3,000 a year. Advanced editing includes the use of the full features of photo editing software to enhance or alter the original image taken by the camera.

Photography Department Divisions

- Divisions 5401 and 5402 contain classes for exhibitors that meet the NSF definition of **Advanced Amateur**.
- Divisions 5403 and 5404 contain classes for exhibitors that meet the NSF definition of **Amateur**.
- Division 5405 contains classes specifically for **Youth** (age 17 and under as of Jan 1).
- Division 5406 contains special classes that are open to **Advanced Amateur**, **Amateur** and **Youth**.

Photography Department Rules: It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to be familiar with the [General Rules & Regulations](#) linked here which apply to all Nebraska State Fair open class domestic departments as well as the specific rules for each department.

Additional Rules Specific to the Photography Department:

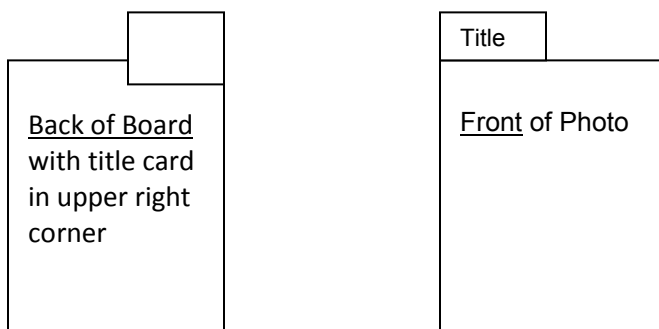
- Submission of an entry form indicates the exhibitor's acceptance of rules and certifies photographs as their own work. The exhibitor must have made the original exposure from which the print was made as well as any photo modifications of the original exposure.
- An exhibitor can enter only one entry per class and not more than 12 entries in total.
- The same photo or similar photo cannot be entered in multiple classes. Photos should be of entirely different subjects.
- Competition is limited to exhibitors who are Nebraska residents only.
- Competition is limited to exhibitors who meet either the **Amateur** or **Advanced Amateur** categories. Professional photographers may not compete in any division of the NSF Photography Department. See details of these categories in the above **Photography Department Eligibility** section.
- An exhibitor who meets the criteria of an **Advanced Amateur** can enter only in Divisions 5401, 5402 and 5406. Entries from an **Advanced Amateur** will not be judged if entered in Amateur Divisions 5403 or 5404. An entry that uses advance-editing skills cannot be entered in **Amateur** Classes (Divisions 5403 and 5404) and if entered, will not be judged.
- Division 5405 is restricted for **Youth** (age 17 and under as of Jan 1). Birth date must be listed on the entry form when entering an age-restricted class.
- **Youth** may also enter in Division 5406 (Special Classes) or in any Divisions 5401-5404 classes provided they meet the **Amateur** or **Advanced Amateur** criteria associated with the divisions entered.
- Photos having won ribbons in previous Nebraska State Fairs are not eligible to enter except for Division 5406, Class 606 (*Best of County*) and Class 608 (*Blue Ribbon Classic*).
- Photos not meeting the class description will be reclassified at the discretion of the judge or superintendent. If the photo cannot be reclassified, it will not be judged.

- Entries not meeting specifications such as size and mounting criteria (see **Exhibit Preparation Requirements** below) or entered in wrong division will not be judged.
- The superintendent reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed not suitable for Nebraska State Fair competition and to reclassify any entry incorrectly classified.
- The Nebraska State Fair reserves the right to reproduce in any form any work submitted.
- All photos are handled with care. However, the Nebraska State Fair or its employees will not be responsible for any loss or damage to entries.

Exhibit Preparation Requirements:

- **Photo size:** With the exception of Division 5406, Class 603 *Panoramas* and Class 606 *Best in County*, all photos must be 8"x10" or 11"x14" (11"x15" permitted only if printing service cannot convert print to the 14" and then must have heavy backing).
- **Backing:** All photos 8"x10" or 11"x14" must be mounted on 11"x14" mounting board that is at least 1/8" thick and not more than 1/4" thick to fit on the display board. Do not use cardboard, foam board or other lightweight backing. Photos may be mounted with 3M Spray-On Photo Mount, liquid glue or two-sided tape completely around the entire board. Note, however, that old two-sided tape may not be reliable. Any photos not securely mounted will be removed from competition and display.
- **Mats:** Mats are optional but recommended if photo is 8"x10". If mats are used, they must be 11"x14" and must be firmly attached. Use quality Mounting Tapes or glues that are available at most art supply stores and frame shops. Two-sided tape must be completely around the mat. Again, old two-sided tape may not be reliable.
- **No metallic paper.**
- **Title card:** With the photo face down, place the title card on the upper right side of the back of the photo backing. The title card must be no larger than 3" X 5" and be mounted so that no more than 2" is visible above the photo when viewed from the front of the photo.

Required



- All classes should have a title on the title card. The title of the entry should be short: one to four words in length.
- The entry title written on the title card taped to the board back must be visible on the left front of the photo.
- In Division 5406, some classes require the location in addition to the title on the title card. The class description indicates if location is also required.
- **Identification:** Identify your photo by placing the following information on the back of the entry:
 - Exhibitor's Name
 - City- Phone #
 - Title
 - Division and Class #
 - Editing used (software, auto settings, cropping, curves or brushes, HDR, etc)
 - Check rules for Advanced Amateur or Amateur.
- **Presentation:** All photos must be unframed. Do not cover with cellophane, acetate or glass. There should be no hooks, wires or hangers attached to the photo.

How to Enter Exhibits – Entry deadline is Wed, Aug 7, midnight

If you wish to purchase exhibitor tickets, you must do so when you enter your exhibits online or with the mail-in entry form. Purchase of these tickets is optional. Note this year, daily gate admission for Seniors (age 60+) is \$5 for any day of the fair and \$6 for adults (13-59) on days Mon-Thu, Aug 26-29. Find additional ticket deals and details at www.statefair.org, “buy tickets”.

Online Registration: The most time and cost-efficient way to enter is online. Exhibitors can enter all their open class exhibits and order exhibitor tickets (optional) in one session. Online entry will begin around July 1st. Instructions are found on the web site, www.statefair.org. Select “Competitions”, then click “Competitive Exhibits”.

Mail-In or In-Person Registration: A separate entry form must be used for each department entered when using mail-in or in-person registration. Either print the entry form from the following hyperlink: [2019 Photography Entry Form](#) or request form by calling the NSF Office, phone: 308-382-1620.

Entry forms may be mailed, faxed or delivered to the Nebraska State Fair. Deadline is Aug 7, midnight.

- Mailing address: Nebraska State Fair Office, PO Box 1387, Grand Island NE, 68802-1387
- Fax: 308-384-1555
- Hand delivery address: NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd Ste 200, Grand Island NE

Guidelines for Completing Entry Form – Online & Mail in or Delivery

- Enter all items that you plan to bring. There is no entry fee. Items not brought will be deleted at the fair.
- Use the photo title for the entry description. Limit the title to between one and four words.
- Retain a copy of the entry form. A copy is required with each package mailed/shipped to Grand Island.
- For online registration, print either the entry receipt activity report or a packing/loading report.

Deliver Exhibits to Fonner Park Concourse – Deadline is Thu, Aug 15 at 3 pm

Entries can be: (1) delivered in person, or (2) sent by USPS, FedEx or UPS

- **In-Person:** bring exhibits, along with a copy of the entry form, to the Concourse any of the following times:
 - Wed, Aug 14 from 3 pm to 8 pm
 - Thu, Aug 15 from 8 am to 3 pm
- **Ship by USPS, UPS or FedEx:** Refer to [Shipping Options](#) for detailed instructions on packaging, where to send exhibits and how to pay for return costs (checks payable to NSF). Note that items sent by mail (USPS) must use the PO address and those sent by delivery service (UPS or FedEx) must use the street address.

Return of Exhibits: *Early release is prohibited but release time will start at 6 pm on Mon, Sep 2, closing night of the fair. Previously it was 8 pm.*

Options for the return of exhibits are:

- **In-Person:** Items can be picked up Mon, Sep 2, from 6 pm to 10 pm or Tue, Sep 3 between 8 am and noon. You (or your designated representative) must sign a release list to collect your exhibits. If you sent your exhibits by mail, shipping service but wish to pick them up in person at the end of the fair, you can do so with identification.
- **Shipping:** Exhibitors who want items returned by mail or a delivery service must make this notation on the entry form enclosed with exhibits and include proper shipping fees (checks payable to NSF). Exhibits will not be accepted or returned by COD. Refer to [Shipping Options](#) for detailed return information.

Exhibits not picked up during release time or with insufficient payment for return shipment must be picked up from the NSF Office, 501 E Fonner Park Rd, Ste 200, Grand Island by Wed, Oct 9. After that, items will be discarded.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES ~ Divisions 5401- 5406

DIVISION 5401 ~ Advanced Amateur - Color

An **Advanced Amateur** is defined as one who uses advanced editing software and techniques but any income gained from teaching or selling photography is less than \$3,000 a year. Advanced editing includes the use of the full features of photo editing software to enhance or alter the original image taken by the camera.

All entries from an Advanced Amateur exhibitor may only be entered in Division 5401, 5402 or Division 5406. Entries from an Advanced Amateur will not be judged if entered in Amateur Division 5403 or 5404.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Class</u>	
5401	100	Animals (domestic/wild, but not birds)
5401	101	Birds
5401	102	Insect pollinators (e.g. butterflies, bees, moths, dragonflies)
5401	103	Living creatures other than animals, birds, pollinators
5401	104	Flowers (domestic/wild)
5401	105	Plants, trees, fungi, crops, (no flowers)
5401	106	People, portraits (single/group) posed
5401	107	People, candid (single/group) un-posed
5401	108	People in sports
5401	109	Nebraska landscapes
5401	110	Other landscape, waterscapes
5401	111	Cityscapes, townscapes
5401	112	Sunrises, sunsets, weather
5401	113	Still life
5401	114	Patterns, textures, abstracts
5401	115	Buildings, bridges, monuments
5401	116	Mechanical, transportation
5401	117	Nebraska Farms

Best of Division - rosette and \$30 from The Nebraska State Fair

DIVISION 5402 ~ Advanced Amateur - Black & White

An **Advanced Amateur** is defined as one who uses advanced editing software and techniques but any income gained from teaching or selling photography is less than \$3,000 a year. Advanced editing includes the use of the full features of photo editing software to enhance or alter the original image taken by the camera.

All entries from an Advanced Amateur exhibitor may only be entered in Division 5401, 5402 or Division 5406. Entries from an Advanced Amateur will not be judged if entered in Amateur Division 5403 or 5404.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Class</u>	
5402	201	Animals (domestic/wild)
5402	202	Flowers (domestic/wild)
5402	203	Plants, trees, fungi, crops (no flowers)
5402	204	People, portraits (single/group) posed
5402	205	People, candid (single/group) un-posed
5402	206	People in sports
5402	207	Nebraska landscapes
5402	208	Other landscapes, waterscapes
5402	209	Cityscapes, townscapes
5402	210	Sunrises, sunsets, weather
5402	211	Still life
5402	212	Patterns, textures, abstracts
5402	213	Buildings, bridges, monuments
5402	214	Mechanical, transportation
5402	215	Nebraska farms

Best of Division - rosette and \$30 from The Nebraska State Fair

DIVISION 5403 ~ Amateur - Color

An **Amateur** is defined as one who does photography as a hobby, and does not advertise, teach or attempt to sell their photographic work and uses only basic editing functions. This includes using software for auto adjustments, exposure, white balance, brightness, contrast, rotation, cropping and image size.

Entries in the Amateur divisions should be photos taken without extensive post-photo software manipulation.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Class</u>	
5403	300	Animals (domestic/wild, but not birds)
5403	301	Birds
5403	302	Insect pollinators (e.g. butterflies, bees, moths, dragonflies)
5403	303	Living creatures other than animals, birds, pollinators
5403	304	Flowers (domestic/wild)
5403	305	Plants, trees, fungi, crops, (no flowers)
5403	306	People, portraits (single/group) posed
5403	307	People, candid (single/group) un-posed
5403	308	People in sports
5403	309	Nebraska landscapes
5403	310	Other landscapes, waterscapes
5403	311	Cityscapes, townscapes
5403	312	Sunrises, sunsets, weather
5403	313	Still life
5403	314	Patterns, textures, abstracts
5403	315	Buildings, bridges, monuments
5403	316	Mechanical, transportation
5403	317	Nebraska farms

Best of Division - rosette and \$30 from The Nebraska State Fair

DIVISION 5404 ~ Amateur - Black & White

An **Amateur** is defined as one who does photography as a hobby, and does not advertise, teach or attempt to sell their photographic work and uses only basic editing functions. This includes using software for auto adjustments, exposure, white balance, brightness, contrast, rotation, cropping and image size.

Entries in the Amateur divisions should be photos taken without extensive post-photo software manipulation.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Class</u>	
5404	401	Animals
5404	402	Flowers (domestic/wild)
5404	403	Plants, trees, fungi, crops (no flowers)
5404	404	People, portraits (single/group) posed
5404	405	People, candid (single/group) un-posed
5404	406	People in sports
5404	407	Nebraska landscapes
5404	408	Other landscapes, waterscapes
5404	409	Cityscapes, townscapes
5404	410	Sunrises, sunsets, weather
5404	411	Still life
5404	412	Patterns, textures, abstracts
5404	413	Buildings, bridges, monuments
5404	414	Mechanical, transportation
5404	415	Nebraska farms

Best of Division - rosette and \$30 from The Nebraska State Fair

DIVISION 5405 ~ Youth - Color or Black & White

These are age-restricted classes. Birth date must be listed on entry form. Age is as of Jan 1.

Classes for Exhibitors 10 years and younger

Same rules apply as in Amateur category in that the photographic work uses only basic editing functions. This includes using software for auto adjustments, exposure, white balance, brightness, contrast, rotation, cropping and image size.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Class</u>	
5405	501	Landscapes, waterscapes, skyscapes
5405	502	Animals (domestic/wild)
5405	503	Plants/flowers
5405	504	People, candid or posed
5405	505	People in sports
5405	506	Other subjects

Classes for Exhibitors 11 to 17, inclusive

Same rules apply as in Amateur category in that the photographic work uses only basic editing functions. This includes using software for auto adjustments, exposure, white balance, brightness, contrast, rotation, cropping and image size.

Youth who are using advanced editing techniques should enter in the Advanced Amateur classes.

<u>Div</u>	<u>Class</u>	
5405	551	Landscapes, waterscapes, skyscapes
5405	552	Animals (domestic/wild)
5405	553	Plants/flowers
5405	554	People, candid or posed
5405	555	People in sports
5405	556	Other subjects

Best of Division - rosette and \$30 from The Nebraska State Fair

DIVISION 5406 ~ Special Classes

Color or Black & White

Open to Advanced Amateur, Amateur and Youth

<u>Div</u>	<u>Class</u>	
5406	601	2019 NSF Theme: "150 th Fairabration" – Celebration of the 150 th Nebraska State Fair. This is a new type of contest for the Photography Department.



Entries in this class will not count toward the 12-photo limit. Winners will not be eligible for the Best of Division or Best of Show, but they will receive ribbons and premiums.

Enter contest by the Aug 7th entry deadline using "Fairabration" for the title.

Take photos at the Nebraska State Fair, Aug 23 - Aug 31.

Then email your one best photo* to suekemling@hotmail.com by 4 pm on Sat, Aug 31.

* Reduce photo size to approximately 940 x 788 pixels prior to sending.

The top five photos will be selected and uploaded to the **Nebraska State Fair** Facebook page available so the public can vote for their favorite from Sat, Aug 31 through 6 pm on Sun, Sep 1. The contest results will be posted on the **Nebraska State Fair** Facebook page on noon, Mon, Sep 2. Do not bring a photo for entry day.

5406	602	Toned, Tinted & Solarized: Sepia toned single toned, tinted and solarized photos.
5406	603	Panoramas: Any panoramic print, color or black and white. <u>Minimum</u> size 4"x10". Maximum size rule of 11"x14" does not apply to this class.

- 5406 604 **Wild and Scenic Nebraska:** Color prints. Photo of living wild creature in its natural habitat or a natural scenic landscape. Be aware: “natural” means nothing man-made should be included in this photo (fences, buildings, etc. cannot be shown). Image must have been taken in Nebraska. Winning photo in this class will be published in **NEBRASKAland Magazine**. Must include location on title card.
- 5406 605 **This Is Nebraska!** Color prints. Photo depicting, promoting or exemplifying Nebraska, its people, its lifestyle or its environs, as a great place to live or visit. Image must have been taken in Nebraska. Winning photo of this class will be published in **The Nebraska Farmer Magazine**. Must include location on title card.
- 5406 606 **Best in County** (from prior year 2018 county fair):
Note that entries in this class must comply with the same Wed, Aug 7th Photography Department Entry deadline as all other entries to the Photography Department.
- Color print, black and white print, judged “Best of Show” (or equivalent) at any 2018 Nebraska county fair (must be last year winner since not all county fairs in the Nebraska occur during the weeks shortly before to the Nebraska State Fair). Size limitation rules do not apply for this class. The Best in County Verification Form must be completed, signed by a county fair official and attached to the backside of the photo. Download the form from the above hyperlink or contact the NSF office at 308-382-1620 to have one mailed to you. Must include county on the title card.
- 5406 607 **Photojournalism:** Color or black and white prints which provide valuable information to the viewer in a manner that could be emotional, intimate, graphical or informational about current and relevant events in the community and the world. A caption or brief news article about the photo is essential to the photograph and the story it tells and must include the “5 W’s of journalism: who, when, why, what and where. The best captions provide objective and conclusive statements about the photo. Appropriate captions will be considered in judging. **Attach an additional a 3”x5” card to the bottom front of the mat which contains the caption.**
- 5406 608 **Blue Ribbon Classic:** *Note that previous Best of Division winners are not eligible for this class.* Nebraska State Fair blue-ribbon winning entries from the last five years (2014-2018 inclusive). The 11” x 14” size limitation does apply in this class. Please submit winning entry or its copy. This class is not included in Best of Division competition. However, ribbons will be awarded.
- 5406 609 **Go For It!** Color or black and white prints of any subject. Entry is open to photographers. We threw away the rules on this one except size limits! **Size limits do apply.** Show off your artistic skills with your favorite photo editing software. No limits! Not to be considered in “Best of Division” competition. However, ribbons will be awarded.
- 5406 610 **Windmills Across Nebraska:** Color or black and white prints of windmills or wind turbines of Nebraska. Image must have been taken in Nebraska. Must include location on title card.
- 5406 611 **Aerial Photography:** *New in 2019*
Photo of aerial view taken by drones, planes, etc. Must include location on title card.
- 5406 612 **Bomb Cyclone of 2019:** *New in 2019*
Photo showing the effects of the bomb cyclone that went through Nebraska in March 2019. Examples would include blizzard, flooding, ice jams and rescue operations of livestock and people. Please remember children will be viewing these photos. Must include location on title card.
- 5406 613 **Nebraska Strong:** *New in 2019*
Photo showing recovery operations and assistance provided by so many generous people throughout Nebraska and neighboring states following the devastating 2019 winter period. Must include location on title card.

Best of Division - Rosette and \$30 from The Nebraska State Fair