

Knox-Lincoln 4-H Photo Contest

Sponsored by the Knox-Lincoln 4-H Leaders' Association

Age Divisions: (by December 31, 2023)

9-11 years, 12-14 years, 15-19 years

The top four scorers in each age division will have their photo displayed in the KL 4-H Photo Gallery! The Gallery will have its premier at the 2024 Achievement Celebration in the fall, then be displayed for a year at the Knox-Lincoln Cooperative Extension office. Each winning photo will also be featured in 1-month rotation at the top of the Knox-Lincoln 4-H Facebook timeline. Deadline to submit photos to the Knox-Lincoln Extension Office: **September 30, 2024.**

Definitions and Rules

There will be no assigned subject categories for the contest.

Up to 5 entries per person are permitted. All entries will be submitted online.

1. Complete the [Entry Form](#), uploading your photos in the form. (You will need to create a free Google account in order to upload photos.)
2. **BE SURE TO NAME YOUR PHOTO FILES WITH THE SAME TITLES YOU LIST ON THE ENTRY FORM!**

Black/white or color photos will be accepted. No photo collages are allowed for this contest. Recommended resolution of digital photos is at least 1000 x 1250 pixels.

All entries must be submitted by an active 4-H member in Knox or Lincoln Counties 4-H age 9-19.

Photos **must** have been taken by the 4-H member in the current 4-H year (October 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024). Photos previously entered at a Maine fair or other venue are allowed.

Judging:

Judges will be selected from qualified individuals in the fields of photography, graphic art or fine arts. Photography will be judged based on the **Criteria/Standards** sheet. The decision of the judges is final and not subject to change.

Objectives:

To encourage 4-H members to use photography as a meaningful communication tool.
To develop life skills in communication and expressive arts.
To provide photography showcase opportunity for 4-H members.

CONTEST CRITERIA/STANDARDS

FOCUS

Definition: **Adjustment of the distance setting on a lens to appropriately define the subject.**

Standard: Main subject in focus, unless blurriness is obviously intentional (ie to show motion).

EXPOSURE

Definition: **The overall brightness and amount of contrast in the photo.**

Standard: A range of light-to-dark contrast, not “washed-out”, flat or dark.

PHOTO QUALITY

Definition: **The photo exhibits quality consistent with contest requirements.**

Standard: The digital file should be of good enough resolution to avoid pixilation when viewed online, or eventually printed (if a winner). **Recommended at least 1000 x 1250 pixels.**

SUBJECT

Definition: **The photo uses the subject to deliver a message in a creative way.**

Standard: The photo clearly communicates the subject.

COMPOSITION

Definition: **Placement of the subject in the photo demonstrating artistic ability.**

Standard: A pleasing balance exists among all components of the composition.

IMPACT

Definition: **The photo clearly captures the attention of the viewer.**

Standard: The composition conveys a strong message

UNIQUENESS

Definition: **Use of originality, camera angle, lighting, character studies, and/or creativity.**

Standard: The photographer exhibits creativity through the photo.

LIGHTING

Definition: **The illumination of a subject.**

Standard: Use of light to produce the desired mood or effect.

4-H Photo Contest Judging Form

Photo Title _____

Age Division _____

Judges, please circle one:

I. TECHNICAL	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
A. Focus	5	4	3	2	1
B. Exposure	5	4	3	2	1
C. Photo Quality	5	4	3	2	1

II. SUBJECT	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement	Unsatisfactory
A. Creative use of Subject	5	4	3	2	1
B. Composition	5	4	3	2	1
C. Impact	5	4	3	2	1
D. Uniqueness	5	4	3	2	1
E. Lighting	5	4	3	2	1

Column Totals

Grand Points Total

JUDGES FEEDBACK/COMMENTS

Note to participant: Your entry has been judged according to the criteria/standards sheet provided to you at the beginning of the contest.