

VIRGINIA 4-H EQUINE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE VIRGINIA HORSE COUNCIL.

Please thank VHC members for providing the ribbons for our contest.

Objective:

To foster and develop youth photography skills, and to provide a showcase of youth equine photography.

Rules:

1. This contest is open to photographs taken by Virginia 4-H members, regardless of project enrollment. Participants do not have to be competing in the horse show in order to enter this contest.
2. Each participant may enter **only one** photograph in this contest.
3. Photographs must be received in the horse show office no later than **6:00 PM on Thursday of the State Show**. (Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA)
If a member will not be attending the State 4-H Horse Show, but would like to enter the photography contest, photographs may be mailed (priority mail) no later than **September 1, 2023** to: VCE-Fluvanna; Attn: Kim Mayo, P.O. Box 518/5725 James Madison Hwy. Fork Union, VA 23055
4. **Photographs entered in this contest must remain on display until Saturday at 5:00 PM. At that time, photographs may be picked up by the participant or a representative.** The State 4-H Horse Show committee will not be responsible for photographs on display during the horse show. Photographs not picked up will not be returned unless prior arrangements have been made with the contest manager.
5. Photographs entered in this contest may be used for promotional purposes for the Virginia 4-H horse program.

Photograph Requirements:

- Photographs may only be 8x10, color or black and white prints. Photos must be matted or mounted (cardstock, foamboard, or other similar material).
- **No framed photographs will be accepted.** (The manner in which the photographs will be displayed does not permit us to safely handle glass.)
- Photographs may be taken with digital or film cameras and may be edited as needed (including cropping, color corrections or other enhancements the photographer chooses).
- Photographs that display unsafe activities will not be displayed nor judged. The decision of the contest manager and judge will be final.
- Each photograph submitted should have an equine as the clear subject of the photograph.
- Photographs of people only will not be accepted, but people may appear in photographs.
- No identifying information should appear on the front of the photograph.
- An official entry form must be attached to the back of the photograph. Copies of the entry form will be available in the show office.

Categories:

- **Junior Photography**- Open to any equine photograph taken by youth ages 9-13 as of September 30, 2023.
- **Senior Photography**- Open to any equine photograph taken by youth ages 14-19 as of September 30, 2023.
- **Cloverbud Exhibition**- Open to any equine photograph taken by a Cloverbud 4-H member ages 5-8 as of September 30, 2023. Photographs will not be judged, and each Cloverbud entry will receive a participation ribbon.

Please do not pick up entries until 5:00 pm Saturday of the State Show. Please leave 1st – 5th places hanging – they will be displayed.

Judging/Awards:

Each entry in the Photography contest will be judged by a professional photographer. Awards will be presented on Saturday at the Ice Cream Social. First through tenth place ribbons will be awarded in the Junior division and in the Senior division. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded as determined by the judges. Cloverbud entries will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons.

Additionally the Top 5 art pieces will have the option to have their artwork displayed across Virginia. Top 5 entries may be displayed digitally on the 4-H program websites or on social media. Photographs will be returned the following year at the State Show or by arrangement.

If you should have any questions, please contact, contest manager, Kim Mayo (434) 591-1950 or kmayo@vt.edu

2023 Photo CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Age (As of September 30, 2023) _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Contact phone number _____

4-H Unit (County or City) _____ 4-H Club _____

Leader Name _____

4-H Extension Agent Name _____

Title of Entry _____

Should your artwork place Top 5 in your division, it may be displayed. By signing below you agree to the following:

In consideration for the privilege of exhibiting my art/photograph, I hereby release Virginia Tech, VA State 4-H, and any affiliates or employees associated with the listed organizations from responsibility for loss, damage, or destruction while my art/photograph is in on display.

My art/photograph may be used at area art shows or exhibition/information tables to represent the VA State 4-H Horse Program. This use of my art/photograph may occur without acknowledgement from me, and without any notification for this purpose.

My art/photograph may not be reproduced in any manner nor used on any printed materials or displayed on the internet without my written consent. Art/Photograph will be returned the following year to the State 4-H Horse Show Office for personal pick up or by other arrangements to be determined.

Signed: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian or Owner of Art/Photograph (must be 18)