

VIRGINIA 4-H EQUINE ART CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE VIRGINIA HORSE COUNCIL.

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

Entries must be turned in to the State 4-H Horse Show Office (Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA) by **6 PM on Thursday of the State Show.**

This contest is open to all Virginia 4-H members, regardless of project enrollment. Competitors will be divided into Junior and Senior. A digital art category will also be available as a separate division, and will not be divided by age. A special area of the art contest display will be dedicated to our non-competing Cloverbud artists. Participants do not have to be competing in the horse show in order to enter this contest.

All entries will be on display in the upper level of the Waldron Arena. **Placings will be posted on the artwork by Saturday afternoon.** Exhibitors are then asked to pick up their ribbons at the ice cream social.

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

The following rules apply to **all** entries, regardless of age category:

SIZE: Minimum of 8 x 11 inches; Maximum of 16x20 inches. **Includes mat or mount.**

MEDIA: Pencil; pen/ink; colored pencils; crayons; watercolor; oils; acrylics; collage; stained glass

Digital Art will be judged as a separate category

INFO: The form below must be copied and adhered to the back of the entry.

DISPLAY: Only MATTED artwork will be accepted! NO FRAMES!

Art entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- ✓ Expression of emotional response relating to equine activity.
- ✓ Technique in which this expression is executed.
- ✓ Arrangement of elements.
- ✓ Use of space.

PLEASE NOTE: Paint by numbers kits, tracings and any form of pre-printed canvas/paper artwork submitted will not be judged and will not be considered for the competition. Such pieces submitted will be displayed in the same location as the competing artwork. This determination will be made by the judge during the judging process.

Judging/Awards:

Each entry in the Art Contest will be judged by a local recognized artist. 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. Digital Art will be judged as one category for all ages. All entries will receive a participation ribbon. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded for the overall highest scores. Cloverbud entries will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons. The Champion entry will be used for the cover of the State Horse Show Program. *(The Show Committee respectfully requests the permission of the winning artists to use their artwork in this manner.)*

Additionally the Top 5 art pieces will have the option to have their artwork Art is to be picked up the following year at the State Show.

2023 ART 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 _____

Description of Artwork _____

Was this artwork created digitally? _____

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)