

## Sabine County Livestock Show Art Contest

2 age divisions: Junior Division: Junior FFA, FFA or 4-H members in 3rd-8th grade  
Senior Division: FFA or 4-H members in 9th-12th grade  
*\*\*Must be in FFA, Junior FFA, FCCLA, or 4H to compete.*

There are two divisions: artwork and photography (Students can enter both.)

There will be a best of show in each age division. (So a best of show in artwork and a best of show in photography in each age division.) There is a \$10 entry fee. Projects will **NOT** be auctioned off. Artwork must be dropped off between 8 am and 12 pm on April 10th to Sabine County Youth Foundation Building. All artwork/photography will be on display April 10th by 12 pm. Stands will not be provided but tables will be set up. Judging will occur 3 pm on April 10th. Artwork/photography may be picked by 4 pm on April 11th. All artwork/photography not picked up will be returned to organizations.

### Art Rules:

1. The only permissible mediums and materials that may be used to create art include any type or brand of:

a. Pastels b. Acrylic paint c. Ink d. Chalk e. Watercolor f. Markers g. Charcoal h. Oil paint i. Pen j. Airbrush k. Pencil l. Crayon m. Dye n. Conte o. Scratchboard etching

The only permissible surfaces that may be used to create art are listed below: a. Stretched canvas b. Canvas boards c. Paper d. Artboards (Commercially manufactured for artistic purposes) e. Masonite boards f. Scratchboard

Dimension: Artwork must be no smaller than 8" x 10" and no larger than 18" x 24". Artwork may be horizontal or vertical.

The following criteria will be considered when artwork is judged. Originality, creativity, and composition will be heavily weighted along with the student's ability to apply technical skill and artistic excellence.

1. Originality: Is the concept or idea original? Is it the student's own work and/or does the work show interesting composition with multiple sources? Does it appeal to a wide-ranging audience and is it marketable?

2. Creativity: Does the piece of art show the student's imagination? Is the subject matter unique? Is the interpretation innovative?

3. Skill: Skill is assessed based on the age of the artist.

4. Excellence in drawing: What extent of accuracy has the student achieved? How difficult is the chosen media? How well does the student draw, use color, hues, shading and texture?

### Photography Rules:

8x10 photo must be submitted with required information on the back.

All photos celebrating rural life and agriculture are welcome. Suggestions include: planting, harvesting, timber, irrigation, equipment, livestock, seasonal decorations and events, winter scenes, county fairs, farmers' markets, 4-H and FFA events and action shots in fields, forests or barns.

Only new and original photos will be accepted.

Judging:

1. Focus/Exposure/Lighting –
  - a. Sharp focus (steady, camera control, depth of field)
  - b. Proper light/used correctly (front, back, side, top, time of day)
  - c. Color quality (well balanced, appropriate contrast for black/white)
2. Composition/Distance –
  - a. Strong center of interest (obvious/interesting focal point, uncluttered foreground/background)
  - b. Angle/viewpoint and proper camera position (portrait or landscape)
  - c. Photo fills frame (intended image isolated, move closer/back)
3. Creativity and Appeal –
  - a. Unique or interesting subject
  - b. Creative technique/angle/viewpoint
  - c. Overall appeal of photo
  - d. Focus on agriculture

School District/Private School \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Student Age \_\_\_\_\_ Student Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Artwork Title \_\_\_\_\_