

YOUTH GUIDE FINE ARTS, CREATIVE WRITING & PHOTOGRAPHY

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Each exhibitor will receive one 2017 Alameda County Fair admission ticket at time of entry delivery

For Questions, please contact:
entries@alamedacountyfair.com
925-426-5121

Entry Deadline: April 26th

Late Entries: Available ONLINE only through May 12th -- \$5.00 Per Entry

***Same Day Entry May 19th & May 20th: \$10 Per Entry
(must bring printed entry form along with entry and payment during delivery periods)***

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YOUTH FINE ARTS, CREATIVE WRITING & PHOTOGRAPHY DELIVERY & RELEASE SCHEDULE

| Category | Online Entry Deadline | Delivery Information | Release Information |
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| All Fine Arts & Printed Photography | April 26 th | Grandstands *NEW LOCATION* Friday, May 19 th 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Saturday, May 20 th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Building C—South Door Tues. July 11 th 12-8 p.m. |
| Cell Phone Photo Scavenger Hunt | June 21 st | Building C Cooking Demo Stage Area Saturday, June 24 th 4:30 p.m. | Release immediately after contest |

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YOUTH RULES

Fine Arts, Creative Writing & Photography

Please read competition guidelines: Changes are made each year.

- 1) Eligibility:
 - a) Open to residents aged 9-17 years as of January 1st. Must be a resident of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, or Solano County.
 - b) The exhibitor must home prepare all entries within one year of the opening date of the fair. Items that have been shown at previous Alameda County Fairs are not eligible and will be disqualified.
 - c) The Fair Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or to refuse to display any entry considered not to be in the best interest of the Fair.
 - d) No entry will be accepted where an exhibitor prescribes conditions under which they will exhibit.
 - e) For projects made in school, please enter under the education department.
- 2) Entry Limits:
 - a) Please note all division and class limits.
 - b) All entries will be accepted unless the exhibitor is otherwise notified
 - c) Entry fees will not be refunded.
- 3) Presentation & Display:
 - a) The Fair will provide an exhibit tag. Please enter with the exhibitor's name as you wish it to appear.
 - b) Items that are soiled or showing wear will not be accepted or displayed.
 - c) Exhibits are displayed to interest the public and showcase the exhibits. The Alameda County Fair assumes total design control over the presentation of the exhibit.
 - d) Displays change every year. While entries will be secure, most items will be not displayed behind glass or in cases.
 - e) All flat paper items must be mounted on card stock or matte board.
 - f) Only canvas artwork may be framed and must be ready to hang with picture wire.
 - g) **Fine art items may not be larger than 26 x 32" including frame.**
 - h) Creative writing should be submitted on 8 ½ x 11" paper in a page protector and is limited to 2 pages.
 - i) Weight of entry is not to exceed 25 pounds without prior approval from entries@alamedacountyfair.com.
- 4) Handling:
 - a) Greatest care will be exercised in handling exhibits, but the Fair Management, Alameda County Fair Association, and the County of Alameda will not be held liable for loss, theft or damage of any kind from any cause. Submission of any work constitutes an agreement to this effect.
 - b) No one but the judges and departmental personnel will be allowed to handle exhibits.
- 5) Judging:
 - a) Entries (with the exception of special competitions) are judged using the Danish System of Judging where exhibits are judged against a scorecard. There is the availability of multiple 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place. Every entry will receive a ribbon. All 1st place winners in a class will compete against each other for the Best of Class and all Best of Class within a division will then compete against each other for Best of Show.
 - b) Exhibits are judged by age group as well as by group (4-H vs. Open Youth vs. Other Youth Organization). There is a Best of Show available for each classification and age group within the division.
 - c) Qualified judges are selected by the Alameda County Fair. Judging decisions are final.
 - d) Judging results will not be given out by phone, mail, or email.
- 6) Ribbons:
 - a) Ribbons will be handed out at the time of entry pick up. When your exhibit tag indicates that a ribbon has been won, the ribbon is often not displayed—any ribbons won will be waiting for you when you pick up your item.
- 7) Entry Pick-Up
 - a) Exhibits may not be removed prior to the release day(s).
 - b) Exhibits may be picked up by anyone who has your claim check.
 - c) Exhibits not picked up on the release day(s) will be retained at the Exhibit Office at the owner's risk. There is a storage fee per exhibitor. The Fair Association will not be responsible for unclaimed exhibits and may dispose of remaining items at the start of the Labor Day Weekend.
- 8) Sponsored Awards:
 - a) Sponsored awards for all categories can be found on the youth sponsored awards page. Sponsored awards are chosen from eligible entries in the award categories. No special entry is required.
 - b) The Fair does not guarantee the payment of Sponsored special premiums and awards as they are secured in good faith.
 - c) Awards will be handed out at the Youth & Creative Living Awards ceremony. Award winners will be notified prior to the ceremony.
- 9) Definitions:
 - a) 4-H (Members of an Alameda County 4-H Club currently enrolled in this project).
 - b) Youth (Entries made by youth independent of 4-H or other youth organizations).
 - c) Other Youth Organizations (Scouts, YMCA, AWANA, etc.)

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Division 1521: Youth Creative Writing

Entry Fee: \$1.50 Youth & 4-H ONLY

Limit: No Limit

4-H 9-11 Years Old:

- 11. Poems
- 12. Short Stories
- 13. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

4-H 12-14 Years Old:

- 21. Poems
- 22. Short Stories
- 23. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

4-H 15-18 Years Old:

- 31. Poems
- 32. Short Stories
- 33. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

Youth 9-11 Years Old:

- 41. Poems
- 42. Short Stories
- 43. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

Youth 12-14 Years Old:

- 51. Poems
- 52. Short Stories
- 53. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

Youth 15-17 Years Old:

- 61. Poems
- 62. Short Stories
- 63. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

Other Youth Org. 9-11 Years Old:

- 71. Poems
- 72. Short Stories
- 73. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

Other Youth Org. 12-14 Years Old:

- 81. Poems
- 82. Short Stories
- 83. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

Other Youth Org. 15-17 Years Old:

- 91. Poems
- 92. Short Stories
- 93. Any Other (song lyrics, interview with character from history, literature, or movies, etc.)

SPECIAL RULES:

- All Creative Writing is limited to 2 pages and must be submitted in 8 ½" X 11" page protectors with 3-hole punch.
- All entries must be suitable for a family fair.

Judging Standards:

25% **Appearance**
 25% **Subject**
 50% **Writing Technique**
 100%

Cash Prizes:

(4-H & Youth Only)
1st Place: \$2.00
2nd Place: \$1.75
3rd Place: \$1.50

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Division 1530: Youth Painting & Drawing

Entry Fee: \$1.50 Youth & 4-H ONLY

Limit: No Limit



4-H 9-11 Years Old:

11. Drawing – Pencil
12. Drawing – Colored Pencil
13. Drawing – Pastel
14. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
15. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
16. Painting – Watercolor
17. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
18. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

4-H 12-14 Years Old:

21. Drawing – Pencil
22. Drawing – Colored Pencil
23. Drawing – Pastel
24. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
25. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
26. Painting – Watercolor
27. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
28. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

4-H 15-18 Years Old:

31. Drawing – Pencil
32. Drawing – Colored Pencil
33. Drawing – Pastel
34. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
35. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
36. Painting – Watercolor
37. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
38. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

Youth 9-11 Years Old:

41. Drawing – Pencil
42. Drawing – Colored Pencil
43. Drawing – Pastel
44. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
45. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
46. Painting – Watercolor
47. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
48. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

Youth 12-14 Years Old:

51. Drawing – Pencil
52. Drawing – Colored Pencil
53. Drawing – Pastel
54. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
55. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
56. Painting – Watercolor
57. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
58. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

Youth 15-17 Years Old:

61. Drawing – Pencil
62. Drawing – Colored Pencil
63. Drawing – Pastel
64. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
65. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
66. Painting – Watercolor
67. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
68. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

Other Youth Org. 9-11 Years Old:

71. Drawing – Pencil
72. Drawing – Colored Pencil
73. Drawing – Pastel
74. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
75. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
76. Painting – Watercolor
77. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
78. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

Other Youth Org. 12-14 Years Old:

81. Drawing – Pencil
82. Drawing – Colored Pencil
83. Drawing – Pastel
84. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
85. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
86. Painting – Watercolor
87. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
88. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

Other Youth Org. 15-17 Years Old:

91. Drawing – Pencil
92. Drawing – Colored Pencil
93. Drawing – Pastel
94. Drawing – Other (charcol, marker, ect.)
95. Painting – Acrylic/Oil
96. Painting – Watercolor
97. Combination of Paiting & Drawing
98. Any Other (graphic art, stratch art, ect.)

SPECIAL RULES:

- **Flat art only. Enter 3-D art exhibits under Arts/Crafts.**
- **All flat paper items must be mounted on card stock or matte board.** Exhibitor's name and phone number must be on the back. (Do not mount on corrugated cardboard or foam board.)
- Items not backed by card stock or matte board may need to be stapled through the actual artwork.
- Professional matting is NOT required.
- **Items may not be larger than 26" x 32" including any frame.**
- **Only canvas artwork may be framed.** It must be ready to hang with picture wire only. Please ensure that there are no nails protruding through the back of items hung with picture wire. Place nails on inside frame of canvas to hang picture wire.
- Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Use permanent adhesive when possible.
- Charcoal, pastel and pencil drawings should be protected for handling by spraying with inexpensive hair spray.

Judging Standards:

- 20% **Impact on Viewer**
- 50% **Technical Skill**
- 20% **Creativity/Originality**
- 10% **Compliance**
- 100%

Cash Prizes:

- (4-H & Youth Only)
- 1st Place: \$2.00**
- 2nd Place: \$1.75**
- 3rd Place: \$1.50**

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Division 1533: Youth Printed Photographs

Entry Fee: \$1.50 Youth & 4-H ONLY

Limit: 2 Entries per Class

Print out an 8 x 10" photo and mount it on 11 x 14" matte board.

4-H 9-11 Years Old:

11. Animals/Nature
12. People
13. Scene
14. Narrative
15. Still Life
16. Altered/Enhanced

Youth 9-11 Years Old:

41. Animals/Nature
42. People
43. Scene
44. Narrative
45. Still Life
46. Altered/Enhanced

Other Youth Org. 9-11 Years Old:

71. Animals/Nature
72. People
73. Scene
74. Narrative
75. Still Life
76. Altered/Enhanced

4-H 12-14 Years Old:

21. Animals/Nature
22. People
23. Scene
24. Narrative
25. Still Life
26. Altered/Enhanced

Youth 12-14 Years Old:

51. Animals/Nature
52. People
53. Scene
54. Narrative
55. Still Life
56. Altered/Enhanced

Other Youth Org. 12-14 Years Old:

81. Animals/Nature
82. People
83. Scene
84. Narrative
85. Still Life
86. Altered/Enhanced

4-H 15-18 Years Old:

31. Animals/Nature
32. People
33. Scene
34. Narrative
35. Still Life
36. Altered/Enhanced

Youth 15-17 Years Old:

61. Animals/Nature
62. People
63. Scene
64. Narrative
65. Still Life
66. Altered/Enhanced

Other Youth Org. 15-17 Years Old:

91. Animals/Nature
92. People
93. Scene
94. Narrative
95. Still Life
96. Altered/Enhanced

SPECIAL RULES:

- Photos must have been taken by the exhibitor.
- Prints may not be in more than 1 class. Duplicate prints will be disqualified.
- No frames. Photos must be mounted on matte or poster board. Professional matting is NOT required.
- Spray adhesives, rubber cement, and masking tape do not reliably hold. Use permanent adhesive when possible.
- Only photos in the "enhanced" class may have been enhanced or altered.
- **This division is for photos that the exhibitor prints and delivers to the fair mounted on matte board.**

Judging Standards

- 35% **Impact**
- 35% **Composition**
- 20% **Technical Quality**
- 10% **Compliance**
- 100%

Cash Prizes:

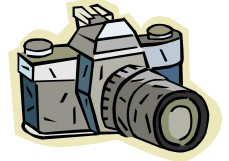
- (4-H & Youth Only)*
- 1st Place: \$2.00**
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- 3rd Place: \$1.50**

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Division 1580: Youth Non-Printed Photographs

Entry Fee: \$1.50 Youth & 4-H ONLY

Limit: No Limit

*Entries must have been registered and entry fees paid by the April 26th registration deadline.
Images must be uploaded no later than 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20th.
These entries will be displayed on a loop on digital picture frames during the fair.*

4-H 9-11 Years Old:

- 11. Animals/Nature
- 12. People
- 13. Scene
- 14. Narrative
- 15. Still Life
- 16. Altered/Enhanced

Youth 9-11 Years Old:

- 41. Animals/Nature
- 42. People
- 43. Scene
- 44. Narrative
- 45. Still Life
- 46. Altered/Enhanced

Other Youth Org. 9-11 Years Old:

- 71. Animals/Nature
- 72. People
- 73. Scene
- 74. Narrative
- 75. Still Life
- 76. Altered/Enhanced

4-H 12-14 Years Old:

- 21. Animals/Nature
- 22. People
- 23. Scene
- 24. Narrative
- 25. Still Life
- 26. Altered/Enhanced

Youth 12-14 Years Old:

- 51. Animals/Nature
- 52. People
- 53. Scene
- 54. Narrative
- 55. Still Life
- 56. Altered/Enhanced

Other Youth Org. 12-14 Years Old:

- 81. Animals/Nature
- 82. People
- 83. Scene
- 84. Narrative
- 85. Still Life
- 86. Altered/Enhanced

4-H 15-18 Years Old:

- 31. Animals/Nature
- 32. People
- 33. Scene
- 34. Narrative
- 35. Still Life
- 36. Altered/Enhanced

Youth 15-17 Years Old:

- 61. Animals/Nature
- 62. People
- 63. Scene
- 64. Narrative
- 65. Still Life
- 66. Altered/Enhanced

Other Youth Org. 15-17 Years Old:

- 91. Animals/Nature
- 92. People
- 93. Scene
- 94. Narrative
- 95. Still Life
- 96. Altered/Enhanced

SPECIAL RULES:

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- Prints may not be in more than 1 class. Duplicate prints will be disqualified.
- Only photos in the "enhanced" class may have been enhanced or altered.
- **This division is for photos that the exhibitor enters digitally and will be displayed on a digital picture frame during the fair.**

TO UPLOAD DIGITAL PHOTOS:

- Once entries have been registered online and payment has been completed, select the option to **UPLOAD MEDIA**. Follow the prompts to upload the digital image file that matches the description entered. If you have multiple entries, please be very careful to upload the digital images in the same order that you entered.
- All photos must be uploaded no later than Saturday, May 20th at 3:00 p.m.
- Refunds will not be issued for failure to upload photos.

Judging Standards
35% **Impact**
35% **Composition**
20% **Technical Quality**
10% Compliance
100%

Cash Prizes:
(4-H & Youth Only)
1st Place: \$2.00
2nd Place: \$1.75
3rd Place: \$1.50

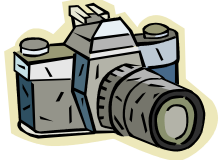
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Division 1581: Youth Photo Journalism



Entry Fee: \$1.50 Youth & 4-H ONLY

Limit: No Limit

*Create a presentation with a series of photographs with captions to tell a story.
 Upload URL by May 20th at 3:00 p.m.*

4-H 9-11 Years Old:

11. Photo Journalism

Youth 9-11 Years Old:

41. Photo Journalism

Other Youth Org. 9-11 Years Old:

71. Photo Journalism

4-H 12-14 Years Old:

21. Photo Journalism

Youth 12-14 Years Old:

51. Photo Journalism

Other Youth Org. 12-14 Years Old:

81. Photo Journalism

4-H 15-18 Years Old:

31. Photo Journalism

Youth 15-17 Years Old:

61. Photo Journalism

Other Youth Org. 15-17 Years Old:

91. Photo Journalism

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Judging Standards

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 35% **Composition**
 20% **Technical Quality**
 10% **Compliance**
 100%

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Division 1548: Youth Physically or Mentally Challenged Exhibitors

Entry Fee: \$1.50 Youth & 4-H ONLY

Limit: No Limit

4-H 9-11 Years Old:

- 11. Fine Arts & Photography
- 12. Arts & Crafts
- 13. Any Other (specify)

4-H 12-14 Years Old:

- 21. Fine Arts & Photography
- 22. Arts & Crafts
- 23. Any Other (specify)

4-H 15-18 Years Old:

- 31. Fine Arts & Photography
- 32. Arts & Crafts
- 33. Any Other (specify)

Youth 9-11 Years Old:

- 41. Fine Arts & Photography
- 42. Arts & Crafts
- 43. Any Other (specify)

Youth 12-14 Years Old:

- 51. Fine Arts & Photography
- 52. Arts & Crafts
- 53. Any Other (specify)

Youth 15-17 Years Old:

- 61. Fine Arts & Photography
- 62. Arts & Crafts
- 63. Any Other (specify)

Other Youth Org. 9-11 Years Old:

- 71. Fine Arts & Photography
- 72. Arts & Crafts
- 73. Any Other (specify)

Other Youth Org. 12-14 Years Old:

- 81. Fine Arts & Photography
- 82. Arts & Crafts
- 83. Any Other (specify)

Other Youth Org. 15-17 Years Old:

- 91. Fine Arts & Photography
- 92. Arts & Crafts
- 93. Any Other (specify)

SPECIAL RULES:

- Photos, paintings and drawings need to be mounted on matte board or card stock.
- Glass & Plexiglas should be removed from any frames before delivery.
- Creative Writing is limited to 2 pages and must be on 8 ½ x 11" paper and submitted in a page protector.

Judging Standards:

- 10% **Ready for Exhibit**
- 25% **Design**
- 30% **Use of Materials**
- 35% **Creativity**
- 100%

Cash Prizes:

- (4-H & Youth Only)
- 1st Place: \$2.00**
 - 2nd Place: \$1.75**
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Division 1612: Cell Phone Photo Scavenger Hunt

Entry Fee: \$2.00 Per Entry

Limit: 2 Different Recipes Per Class, Per Exhibitor

Sponsored By: The Alameda County Fair

Saturday, June 24th at 4:30 p.m.

CLASS:

1. 9-12 Year Olds
2. 13-18 Year Olds



SPECIAL RULES:

- Youth must be 9 Years old to be eligible.
- Limit—2 Entries Per Exhibitor
- Registered contestants will be emailed the scavenger hunt list and detailed instructions (including the Instagram hashtag) prior to the opening of the fair on the day of the contest.
- Contestants will have until 3:30 p.m. to take 10 photos of the things on the list on the fairgrounds using their cell phone and upload them to Instagram. (Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to post as they go rather than waiting until the end to begin posting).
- Any photo posted after 3:30 p.m. will not qualify for judging.
- We will be using Instagram for photo judging. Exhibitors using their own Instagram account must have the account on the public setting, not private. Exhibitors who cannot create their own Instagram account can use a fair-created account.
- Photo content must support the fair's family atmosphere. Photos with objectionable content will be disqualified. All photos will become property of the Alameda County Fair and may be used for publication.
- Photos will be judged on subject and composition. Bonus points may be awarded for originality, impact and/or superior photo quality.
- Exhibitor RSVP is required by emailing entries@alamedacountyfair.com between 24 & 72 hours prior to the start of the contest. Once RSVP has been received, an admission ticket per exhibitor and one admission ticket and parking pass per family will be placed under the exhibitor's name at the Will Call Booth on Pleasanton Avenue. If no RSVP is received, the exhibitor may still participate in the contest, but no admission or parking passes will be given.
- If an exhibitor will not be attending the contest, please inform us by emailing entries@alamedacountyfair.com.

Special Prizes Per Class:

- 1st Place: \$6.00**
- 2nd Place: \$4.00**
- 3rd Place: \$3.00**

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