

Tennessee

4-H Photo Contest



About

The Photo Search Contest lets youth showcase their photography skills. Each county sets its own deadline for entries. County Agents will submit their top 10 photos to the state office. The state deadline is April 30. All entries must be submitted online by the county agent by 11:59 p.m. ET that day. Check with your local county office for their specific deadline. Questions contact Kelsey Whitefield (kwhitefi@utk.edu).

Contest Rules

Eligibility

- Any 4-H'er in grades 4-12
- The 4-H'er must take the photo themself

Taking Photos

- You may submit a single photo
- Photo can be vertical or horizontal, in color or black and white.
- Photos must be taken within one year of the deadline (May 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026).
- Photos must relate to 4-H (project work, events, camp, etc.).

Prepare Your Photos

- Format: JPEG
- Size: 8x10" or 2400x3000 pixels
- Name files like this: [Region] [County] [4-H Last Name] [#]
- Example: ER Jefferson Jones 1

Complete the Entry Form

- Fill out one entry form per photo
- You can find the form [here](#).

Submit to Your County

- Submit your JPEG file(s) and completed form(s) **by April 23**.
- Your County Agent will handle uploading to the state.



Capture



Create



Compete



Judging Criteria

Photos will be judged on quality and message. Judges will look for clear, well-composed images that effectively represent 4-H activities or themes. Score card can be found [here](#).

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Tennessee State Fair 4-H Photo Challenge

Eligibility

Open to Any 4-H member in Tennessee

Divisions

- Jr. Division: Grades 4th through 8th as of January 1st, 2026
- Sr. Division: Grades 9th through 12th as of January 1st, 2026



2026 Theme: All Things Trees!

4-H members can submit a photograph of anything that relates in anyway to trees or forest products. This could be live trees, wood, wood products. etc. etc.

Process

- Counties can submit up to 5 photos in each age division
- **ONLY 1 Photo per 4-H member can be submitted.**
- **Photos must be received by Monday July 20, 2026.**
- Photos need to be emailed to abberger2@utk.edu or jmcmilli@utk.edu
- Photos will be judged on:
 - Photographic Quality,
 - Composition,
 - Originality
 - Relation to the Theme
- Photos must have been taken since August 1, 2025

Awards

- **Awards will be given to the top 5 photos in each Region in each grade division**
- **The three winning Regional Photos will be judged to determine Best of Show**
- **The top 5 photos in each region will be printed and mounted and exhibited at the Tennessee State Fair.**
- **All Photos will be exhibited at the fair in a virtual exhibit.**

Premiums will be awarded in each division

- **First Place \$100**
- **Second Place \$75**
- **Third Place \$50**