

Photography Contest

Photos due to the 4-H Office by **April 13, 2026 at 4:30pm.**

COUNTY COMPETITION:

Age Divisions:

Ages 8 – 10: Junior Division

Any youth 8-10 years old as of September 1 of the current 4-H program year is considered a junior.

Ages 11 – 13: Intermediate Division

Any youth 11-13 years old as of September 1 of the current 4-H program year is considered an intermediate.

Ages 14 – 18: Senior Division

Any youth 14-18 years old as of September 1 of the current 4-H program year is considered a senior.

Categories:

Each youth may submit no more than 1 entry per category (5 total per youth) at the county level.

Titles & Descriptions

People: Any photo where the main subject(s) is a person or people. Still shots or active.

Flora and Fauna: Plants, animals; Living items found in nature.

Scenic: Cityscapes, rural landscapes, natural settings that do not fit into the Flora and Fauna category.

Still Life: An arrangement or display of inanimate objects.

Black and White: Any subject presented in black and white.

Rules

- All photos exhibited must have been taken by 4-H members within one year of the date of the state photo contest deadline (June 1 of the previous year).
- **Pixel size:** Photos should be at least 800 pixels by 1000 pixels and saved as a JPEG.
 - The ideal 8×10 quality is 2400 pixels by 3000 pixels, which is the same as an 8×10 photo at 300 dpi (resolution). Any higher variations of the 8×10 ratio are allowed. If photos have a different pixel ratio you may still submit. However the photos will be judged using the 8×10 pixel dimensions. Which may cause your photo to appear stretched, compressed, or distorted. If you view a photo's properties on your computer it will tell you the width and height in pixels

- In addition to the digital image, you will need to mount an 8X10 photo on foam board with the photo release glued to the foam board. Bring the photo release forms, the mounted photo, and the digital image on a thumb drive with your name on it. Entries must be saved with the title as: Last Name, First Name_County_Age Division_Photo Class.
 - Example: Clover, John_Green_County_Intermediate_Still Life
- Photos due to the 4-H Office by **4PM on March 24, 2025.**
- **Alterations of photo:** Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as crop, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.
- **Model Release Statement:** Recognizable pictures of any adult or youth under the age of 18 must include a "Model release" signature. If a minor is in the photo, the signature MUST come from their parent or guardian.
- **Refusal Rights:** The Florida 4-H Youth Development Program reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries. Photograph must NOT be offensive, degrading, racist, or contain pornography of any form.

Scoring and Awards

Junior, Intermediate, and Senior entries are judged separately. Blue, red, or white award is given to each entry. One 1st place blue in each category, and each age division is awarded (e.g. 1st place Junior People, 1st place Intermediate People, & 1st place Senior People". A top overall junior entry, intermediate entry, and senior entry will be selected (Total=3). These three entries can advance to state competition.

A placing may not be awarded if the judges do not feel a placing is merited by the entry. All decisions by the judges are final.

Photos will be ready for **pickup by 5:00pm on April 17, 2026.**

STATE COMPETITION:

The first place Junior, Intermediate, and Senior entry from each county (3 total per county) may be submitted for state competition.