



Maryland 4-H State Equine Art and Photography Contest Procedures & Regulations

Objectives

The primary objectives of the Maryland 4-H Horse Virtual Art and Photography Contest is to provide an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate their artistic ability and showcase their interest in equine and equine-related subject matter in a virtual setting.

General

- 1) Contest date and time:
 - a. Registration: Youth contestants must register for the contests via their family 4-H Online profiles. Registration opens July 1, 2025 and will close July 24, 2025.
 - b. Entry Deadline: 11:59 pm on July 24, 2025
- 2) Youth contestants will submit their art and/or photography pieces via 4-H Online when they register for the event. The portal accepts *jpeg*, *png*, and *gif* file types. However, *jpeg* files are the preferred option.
- 3) Once you submit your registration via 4H Online, your entry is final, and you cannot go back and change your art/photography piece.
- 4) This statewide event will be governed by the prescribed procedures and regulations. Additional rules may be promulgated for specific purposes. Contestants not complying with the rules will be disqualified.

Contestants and Eligibility

- 1) All Contestants must be enrolled in 4-H online by the contest entry deadline and approved by the 4-H Extension Educator of their respective UME unit.
- 2) Maryland 4-H members must be between the ages of 8 - 18 as of January 1 of the current year.
- 3) Entries must be the work of the 4-H member submitting them to the contest. The entry must have been made/completed within the past 12 months.
- 4) There are three age divisions; age is determined as of January 1 of the current year: Juniors are ages 8 - 10; Intermediates are ages 11 - 13; and Seniors are ages 14 - 18.
- 5) There are three contest classes. Youth may submit one entry per class.
- 6) Award-winning entries will be displayed on the Maryland 4-H Equine webpage.

Contest Classes

- 1) Fine Arts: Entries must be original works of art. No cartoon or copyrighted characters, figures, logos, etc. may be used. No paint-by-numbers, scratch art kits, etc.

- 2) Photography: Photographs must be equine related and taken in the past 12 months. Photos may be color or black and white.
- 3) Visual Arts: Posters/Infographics must be equine related. Posters may be of any medium and may be oriented horizontally or vertically.

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