

# **VIRGINIA 4-H EQUINE ART CONTEST**

***SPONSORED BY THE VIRGINIA HORSE COUNCIL.***

Please thank VHC members for providing the ribbons for our contest.

Entries must be turned in to the State 4-H Horse Show Office (Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA) by **6 PM on Thursday of the State Show.**

This contest is open to all Virginia 4-H members, regardless of project enrollment. Competitors will be divided into Junior and Senior. A digital art category will also be available as a separate division, and will not be divided by age. A special area of the art contest display will be dedicated to our non-competing Cloverbud artists. Participants do not have to be competing in the horse show in order to enter this contest.

All entries will be on display in the upper level of the Waldron Arena. **Placings will be posted on the artwork by Saturday afternoon.** Exhibitors are then asked to pick up their ribbons at the ice cream social.

**Please do not pick up artwork until 5pm Saturday of the State Show. Please leave 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> places hanging – they will be displayed.**

The following rules apply to ***all*** entries, regardless of age category:

**SIZE:** Minimum of 8 x 11 inches; Maximum of 16x20 inches. **Includes mat or mount.**

**MEDIA:** Pencil; pen/ink; colored pencils; crayons; watercolor; oils; acrylics; collage; stained glass

Digital Art will be judged as a separate category

**INFO:** The form below must be copied and adhered to the back of the entry.

**DISPLAY: Only MATTED artwork will be accepted! NO FRAMES!**

Art entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- ✓ Expression of emotional response relating to equine activity.
- ✓ Technique in which this expression is executed.
- ✓ Arrangement of elements.
- ✓ Use of space.

*PLEASE NOTE: Paint by numbers kits, tracings and any form of pre-printed canvas/paper artwork submitted will not be judged and will not be considered for the competition. Such pieces submitted will be displayed in the same location as the competing artwork. This determination will be made by the judge during the judging process.*

## **Judging/Awards:**

Each entry in the Art Contest will be judged by a local recognized artist. Awards will be presented on Saturday at the Ice Cream Social. First through Tenth place ribbons will be awarded in the Junior division and in the Senior division. Digital Art will be judged as one category for all ages. All entries will receive a participation ribbon. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded for the overall highest scores. Cloverbud entries will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons. The Champion entry will be used for the cover of the State Horse Show Program. *(The Show Committee respectfully requests the permission of the winning artists to use their artwork in this manner.)*

Additionally the Top 5 art pieces will have the option to have their artwork Art is to be picked up the following year at the State Show.

## **2023 ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age (As of September 30, 2023) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Unit (County or City) \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Extension Agent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Was this artwork created digitally? \_\_\_\_\_

Should your artwork place Top 5 in your division, it may be displayed. By signing below you agree to the following:

In consideration for the privilege of exhibiting my art/photograph, I hereby release Virginia Tech, VA State 4-H, and any affiliates or employees associated with the listed organizations from responsibility for loss, damage, or destruction while my art/photograph is in on display.

My art/photograph may be used at area art shows or exhibition/information tables to represent the VA State 4-H Horse Program. This use of my art/photograph may occur without acknowledgement from me, and without any notification for this purpose.

My art/photograph may not be reproduced in any manner nor used on any printed materials or displayed on the internet without my written consent. Art/Photograph will be returned the following year to the State 4-H Horse Show Office for personal pick up or by other arrangements to be determined.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian or Owner of Art/Photograph (must be 18)

# **VIRGINIA 4-H EQUINE PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

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Please thank VHC members for providing the ribbons for our contest.

## **Objective:**

To foster and develop youth photography skills, and to provide a showcase of youth equine photography.

## **Rules:**

1. This contest is open to photographs taken by Virginia 4-H members, regardless of project enrollment. Participants do not have to be competing in the horse show in order to enter this contest.
2. Each participant may enter **only one** photograph in this contest.
3. Photographs must be received in the horse show office no later than **6:00 PM on Thursday of the State Show.** (Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA)  
If a member will not be attending the State 4-H Horse Show, but would like to enter the photography contest, photographs may be mailed (priority mail) no later than **September 1, 2023** to: VCE-Fluvanna; Attn: Kim Mayo, P.O. Box 518/5725 James Madison Hwy. Fork Union, VA 23055
4. **Photographs entered in this contest must remain on display until Saturday at 5:00 PM. At that time, photographs may be picked up by the participant or a representative.** The State 4-H Horse Show committee will not be responsible for photographs on display during the horse show. Photographs not picked up will not be returned unless prior arrangements have been made with the contest manager.
5. Photographs entered in this contest may be used for promotional purposes for the Virginia 4-H horse program.

## **Photograph Requirements:**

- Photographs may only be 8x10, color or black and white prints. Photos must be matted or mounted (cardstock, foamboard, or other similar material).
- **No framed photographs will be accepted.** (The manner in which the photographs will be displayed does not permit us to safely handle glass.)
- Photographs may be taken with digital or film cameras and may be edited as needed (including cropping, color corrections or other enhancements the photographer chooses).
- Photographs that display unsafe activities will not be displayed nor judged. The decision of the contest manager and judge will be final.
- Each photograph submitted should have an equine as the clear subject of the photograph.
- Photographs of people only will not be accepted, but people may appear in photographs.
- No identifying information should appear on the front of the photograph.
- An official entry form must be attached to the back of the photograph. Copies of the entry form will be available in the show office.

## **Categories:**

- **Junior Photography-** Open to any equine photograph taken by youth ages 9-13 as of September 30, 2023.
- **Senior Photography-** Open to any equine photograph taken by youth ages 14-19 as of September 30, 2023.
- **Cloverbud Exhibition-** Open to any equine photograph taken by a Cloverbud 4-H member ages 5-8 as of September 30, 2023. Photographs will not be judged, and each Cloverbud entry will receive a participation ribbon.

**Please do not pick up entries until 5:00 pm Saturday of the State Show. Please leave 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> places hanging – they will be displayed.**

## **Judging/Awards:**

Each entry in the Photography contest will be judged by a professional photographer. Awards will be presented on Saturday at the Ice Cream Social. First through tenth place ribbons will be awarded in the Junior division and in the Senior division. A Champion and Reserve Champion will be awarded as determined by the judges. Cloverbud entries will not be judged but will receive participation ribbons.

Additionally the Top 5 art pieces will have the option to have their artwork displayed across Virginia. Top 5 entries may be displayed digitally on the 4-H program websites or on social media. Photographs will be returned the following year at the State Show or by arrangement.

*If you should have any questions, please contact, contest manager, Kim Mayo (434) 591-1950 or [kmayo@vt.edu](mailto:kmayo@vt.edu)*

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian or Owner of Art/Photograph (must be 18)