



CATTLE RAISERS CONVENTION & EXPO 2024

Youth Photography Contest and Guidelines

Subject Matter

Original photos depicting cattle, horses or the ranching way of life are suitable.

Use your imagination to capture the heart and soul of ranching life: Sunrise over the herd, kids and dogs playing at the windmill, branding time or a newborn calf with soft eyes and wobbly legs. Share your favorite scenes of cattle, horses and the ranching life.

Age Categories

This contest is open to youth in the following age categories. Age as of March 1, 2024.

- Age 5 – 8
- Age 9 – 13
- Age 14 – 18

Guidelines

By submitting an entry, contestant accepts and agrees to comply with these rules.

- All contestants must be a member of TSCRA (either a student member, child or grandchild of a member or whose parents are employed by a TSCRA member). Proof of membership must be submitted with entry.
- Entries must be submitted as 8" x 10" photographs and must follow the theme for competition.
- Entries must also be submitted online with the photo uploaded.
- Photos must have been taken during the last 12 months.
- Any type of camera may be used, and photos may be colored or black & white.
- You may submit as many photographs as you like; however, a separate entry form must be attached to the back of each photo. Only one entry per contestant will be awarded a prize.
- The content of the photograph may or may not include you personally. If the photograph includes you, it has to be you who takes the photograph, for example by using the camera's timer.
- Although slight computer-enhanced photos are allowed, such as cropping, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction, substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, or using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.

- Photographs should not contain “user placed text.” This includes such things as comments or titles. Text or wording that is part of the photograph (i.e. photo of a ranch sign, etc.) is acceptable.
- Modifying, enhancing or altering a third party’s pre-existing work does not qualify as entrant’s original creation.
- Photos should not be mounted or framed.
- A separate entry form must be attached to the back of each photo stating the contestant’s name, parent’s or guardian’s name, age division, and a title describing the photo.
- **Entries will become the property of TSCRA and will not be returned.** Winning photos may be used for promotional purposes at the discretion of TSCRA.
- TSCRA is not responsible for damage to photos during shipping. We suggest you package photos with bubble wrap or cardboard. Be sure to mark packages with “Do Not Bend”.
- TSCRA reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.
- Contestants are not required to attend the Cattle Raisers Convention to be eligible to participate or win awards.
- Each contestant will receive an Expo Day pass to attend the Cattle Raisers Convention if they choose. Please reach out to a TSCRA staff member to reserve this.

Judging

- Photos will be judged on the following criteria: Creativity 50%, Photographic quality 50%.
- An internal panel will judge entries prior to arrival at Convention and only the people’s choice award will be judged at convention by popular vote.
- All judgments are final and interpretations of the guidelines are at TSCRA’s sole discretion.

Awards

First, second and third place winners will be selected in each age category. Winners will receive awards as follows

1 st place:	\$250 and Plaque
2 nd place:	\$150 and Ribbon
3 rd place:	Ribbon and recognition

People’s Choice Award

Photographs will be displayed for review by attendees during the Cattle Raisers Convention. Selection of the winning entry for the People’s Choice award shall be determined by popular vote, with the award given to the entry with the greatest number of votes received.

The People’s Choice Winner for each contest will receive an additional \$100 prize and Plaque. There will only be one People’s Choice Winner for each contest selected from all ages combined. The people choice award winner will also have the chance to feature their photo in the Cattleman magazine.

Deadline

All entries must be received by the TSCRA office, no later than **March 1, 2024**. Late entries will not be accepted. Mail your photo entries with entry form to:

TSCRA Photo Contest
Attn: Tyler Schuster
PO Box 101988
Fort Worth, TX 76185

Questions regarding the TSCRA Art Contest may be directed to tschuster@tskra.org or 817-916-1753.