



2019 Rules and Regulations  
Youth, Junior, Senior, and Adult  
Baking, Arts & Crafts, and Photography

1. Contests are open to any permanent and part time Zapata County residents. Youth division is open to any elementary school (3rd-5th grade) students, junior is open to any middle school (6th-8th grade) students, and senior division is open to any high school (9th-12th grade) students. Contest is open to any student that is enrolled in either a private or public school. *Starting in 2016, all participants competing in the baking, arts & crafts, or photography divisions **MUST** be enrolled in a local 4H club and sign up for 4H connect – no exceptions!* [Failure to join any club will result in an immediate disqualification.] All students must abide with the U.I.L. No Pass, No Play requirements.  
\*\* High school students that are current and eligible FFA members are also allowed to participate.\*\*
2. All entries must be the original work of the participant. Any entry that has previously received an award (arts & crafts and photography divisions) or has been shown in the Zapata County Fair is not eligible.
3. A \$15.00 fee will be collected for each division upon receipt of entry to help defray the costs of the trophies and ribbons.
4. All work must be entirely the work of the person submitting the exhibit.
5. All arts, crafts, and photography entries must be submitted by Thursday, March 7, 2019.  
The following submission times are as follows:  
Adults: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Students: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
6. All baking entries must be submitted on Friday, March 8, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (as per official county fair clock) no late entries will be accepted.
7. Participants may enter up to two (2) items in any of the following categories:  
Crafts – aprons, clothing, embroidery, counted cross stitch, needlework, wood, dolls, models, jewelry, etc.
8. Art categories will be divided into the following two categories:  
Painting – 16x20 maximum canvas size  
Drawing (sketching) - must be matted

9. Baking – the following categories are allowed in the baking division: cakes, pies, cookies and bars, breads, and candies. (Refrigerated entries are allowed in all categories)

All entries must be on or in a non-returnable container with a cover or clear wrap. All entrants will be required to submit a separate judge's sample for judging from the **submitted** entry. Boxed mixes are not be allowed. Entries will **NOT** be allowed to have any form of identification visible to the judges. Failure to comply with the rules will result in immediate disqualification.

10. Photography – will be divided into two (2) different classes: black & white and color.

The entries will consist of the following:

A. Pictures (1-3 per category)

B. Series (3-4 pictures) per category; pictures must be related to a basic theme, tell a picture story of an action sequence.

C. Portraits (1-3 per category). Size for all photos must by 8x10 only.

**\*\*All photos must be matted. No names or glass is allowed on the photos.\*\***

Judging will be at the discretion of the committee in charge and all decisions will be final.

11. Students will be awarded first through sixth place ribbons in each division. Adults will be awarded first through third place ribbons in each division.

12. Grand Champions will be awarded in each division by only the first place ribbons. Reserved Champions will be awarded in each division by only the second place ribbons.

13. Grand Champion and Reserved Champion winners will be allowed to participate in the livestock auction. [In the case of dual placing of projects, participants will be allowed to sell only 1 project.] Participants will be allowed to sell their winning projects after the livestock exhibitors have sold their projects. Grand champion projects will be capped at \$300.00 per item and all reserve champion projects will be capped at \$150.00 and will exclude any additional add-ons.

14. If an exhibitor wins grand champion in the baking, arts & craft, and photography competition and places lower than grand champion in the livestock competition; the grand champion project must be sold. If exhibitor decides to sell their livestock project, they will forfeit their grand/reserved champion title.

15. Any items left behind become property of the Zapata County Fair Association.

Rules and regulations were revised on January 10, 2019.