

# 2018 GUIDELINES FOR MISSOURI STATE FAIR 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITS



Exhibits must meet the guidelines below in order to be eligible to be displayed at State Fair. Exhibits not meeting these guidelines will be regretfully disqualified.

## REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Photos must be mounted on a rectangular 8" x 10" *solid\** mounting surface.
- 2) The *preferred* surface is matte\* board. It can be a color of the photographer's choice.
- 3) The photographs mounted on each 8" x 10" matte board must be 8" x 10" or smaller.
- 4) The mounted photo should be placed in a clear plastic 8 ¼ x 10 ½ inch sleeve\*.

### PLEASE NOTE:

- \* Solid requires that there are no cutouts (or other holes) in the matte board, either around or behind the photo (for example, a surface shaped like a picture frame is not a solid mounting surface).
- \* Matte board is a specific material. It is not cardboard, foam core, poster board, etc.
  - o Matte board is the choice of professionals because it protects and preserves the photo.
  - o 8 x 10" matte board may be purchased from online retailers if local sources are not available.
  - o Other materials (such as foam core) may be used, but they will degrade the photo over time.
  - o Mounted photos too thick for the display case will be displayed elsewhere in the 4-H building.
- \* These sleeves are intended to protect these special exhibits from handling, dust and humidity.
  - o 8.25 x 10.5" plastic sleeves are available from online retailers if local sources aren't available.
    - Google "*clear plastic photo sleeves 8.25 x 10.5*" to find sources for online purchase.
  - o 4-H will have complimentary sleeves at the state fair for photo exhibits still needing them.

## DIGITAL EDITING RULES

For state fair 4-H photography exhibits, certain types of editing are permissible and others are not.

- 1) *Altering* (editing to change the contents of) a photo is not permitted for State Fair exhibits.
  - o Examples include adding a sunset or object, removing someone from the shot, airbrushing to cover a bad complexion, giving a photo subject dinosaur eyes, etc.
- 2) *Enhancing* (editing to improve the existing qualities of) a photo is is permitted.
  - o Examples include cropping the photo, changing saturation/brightness/contrast, etc.

*"What makes photography a strange invention is that its primary raw materials are light and time."*

*John Berger*



State Fair 4-H photography exhibit guidelines are available online, at <http://4h.missouri.edu/go/events/statefair>