



2018 Rules and Regulations
Youth, Junior, Senior, and Adult
Baking, Arts & Crafts, and Photography Divisions

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.
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 8, 2018.
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 9, 2018 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** – maximum size of canvas for exhibitors is 16x20.
Baking – cakes, pies, cookies and bars, breads, refrigerated entries (ex: cheesecakes) and candies. 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 will not be allowed. All entrants will be required to submit a separate judge’s sample for judging from the

submitted on the day of judging. 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.

Photography – will be divided into two (2) different classes: 35mm and digital. Each class will have 2 subgroups: 1. Black and white and 2. Color. The entries will consist of the following:

A. Pictures (1-3 per category)

B. Series (3-6 pictures) per category; pictures must be related to a basic theme, tell a picture story of an action sequence.

C. Portraits (1-3 category). Size for all photos must be 8x10 only. All photos must be framed or matted.
No names or glass is allowed on the photos.

9. Judging will be at the discretion of the committee in charge.

10. 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 and Reserved Champions will be awarded in each division by only the first place ribbons.

13. Grand Champion and Reserved Champion winners will be allowed to participate in the livestock auction. 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, this excludes any 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 champion title.

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



Registration Form

Participant Name: _____

Mailing/Physical Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Age Category: Youth (3rd-5th) _____ Junior (6th-8th) _____ Senior (9th-12th) _____

Adult _____

4H Club: Mesquite _____ North _____ South Fork _____

Project Categories:

Baking _____ Art _____ Craft _____ Photography _____