Harvey County Conservation District
2020 Photo Contest Rules

ELIGIBILITY: The HCCD Photo Contest is open to any amateur photographer, aged 18 and under, residing in the Harvey County Conservation District or those who physically attend school in Harvey County. Entrants may participate in only one district contest. Limit two photos per entrant.

SUBJECT MATTER: May be any of the four areas and photo must be taken in Harvey County:
1. Conservation Practices
2. Close-up Conservation
3. Conservation in Action
4. Agriculture and Conservation Across America

Go to https://www.nacdn.org/general-resources/stewardship-and-education-materials/contests/ for further explanation of subject areas.

AWARDS: First, second, and third place winners will be awarded $15, $10, and $5 cash prize respectively.

PHOTO RULES:
Photo must be taken any time after October 1, 2019 through the beginning of the Harvey County Fair. Minor digital enhancements for cropping, red-eye removal, filters and corrective functions are permitted, but images that have been judged to be altered in any significant manner will be disqualified. Contestants are not to place watermarks, dates, signatures or copyright images on photos. Previously published photos are not eligible.

MOUNTING THE PHOTOGRAPH: Please mount on white mount board. Mount the photo on the “whitest” and “smoothest” side of the board. Photos are to be mounted across the narrow (11”) dimension of an 11” x 12.5” sheet of white mount board. Do not use foam core board or poster board. Remove white border from the enlargement before mounting. All photos must be 8” x 10”. Photos must be mounted with the top edge of the print 1” below the top of the mount board. The sides of the print must be equal distance from the two sides of the mount. Photograph may use either a horizontal or vertical format. Use only adhesives designed for permanent photography mounting. Do not use rubber cement or other household glues (white glue, etc.). Boards and protector sleeves are available from the extension office.

NAME AND ADDRESS: Include on the back of the mount board a brief description of the photo, when and where the photo was taken, subject matter type (1-4 from above), photographer’s full name and age, grade in school, parent’s name, and home address. Please type this information on white paper, cut to fit the back of the mount, and attached using the same adhesive as is used to permanently mount the photo.

TERMS: In submitting photos, the photographer gives HCCD permission to use their photos in any publications, social media, websites, displays and other places without payment or other consideration. A photo release form, available at the fair, is required to be submitted with the entry.

JUDGING STANDARDS: Photos will be judged on technical merit, composition and eye appeal. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well-framed, properly exposed, sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action and imagination and creativity.