

Texas Mushroom Festival Amateur Photography

2026 Contest Rules

- **Eligibility:** Photographers who are non-professionals are eligible. An amateur photographer is someone who does not offer their work for sale. For example, if you sell or attempt to sell your work, offer photography services, or teach photography, you will be considered a professional for the purposes of this contest, and not eligible.
- **Division:**
 - Student – 12th grade and below
 - Adult – 18 and over
- **Cost:** \$10 per entry (one form of payment is ok for all entries)
- **Contest Rules:**
 - Entries must be postmarked (Texas Mushroom Festival – Photo Contest, P.O. Box 695, Madisonville, Texas 77864) or delivered to the Madisonville drop-off location (Truman Kimbro Center at 113 W Trinity, Madisonville, Texas 77864) by 5 pm, Friday, October 2nd, 2026.
 - There are no residency restrictions for contestants. Photographs must be the work of the contestant.
 - Transparencies will not be accepted.
 - No signed or dated photographs will be accepted.
 - Photographs must be submitted as a full 8" x 10", unmounted, unframed and with NO BORDER.
 - Place a label or write on the back of your photo, in the top right corner, the following information:
Name of Photographer – Category – Title of Photo
 - If there is doubt as to how to display it – place an arrow on the back, pointing to the top of the photo.
 - Each photo entered must have a completed entry form.
 - Photographs should be suitable for family viewing and the Photography Committee reserves the right to refuse entries. Hint: Judges are NOT in favor of edited photos (Photoshop, etc.) therefore, it is not recommended.
 - Photographers present on the day of the show may pick up their photos immediately after the awards presentation.
 - **No Photos Will Be Returned** and will be the property of the Texas Mushroom Festival Photography Committee if arrangements are not made for pick up.
 - Any violation of the contest rules will result in disqualification. **NO REFUND.**
- **Contest Format:**
 - Photography entries will be judged in a private session.
 - Grand Prize Winners will be notified prior to the show. Be sure to (neatly) write email address and phone number for notification.
 - Winners will be notified by email and/or phone, and their photos will be posted on the Texas Mushroom Festival website.
 - The winner's presentation will be at 3:15 PM on the day of the festival or immediately following the presentation of awards for the Art Contest.
- **Awards:**

○ Adult Best Mushroom(s) - \$100	Student Best Mushroom(s) - \$100
○ Adult Best of Show - \$75	Student Best of Show - \$75
○ Adult Most Patriotic- \$50	Student Most Patriotic - \$50
○ Adult 1 st Place - \$25	Student 1 st Place - \$25

PHOTOS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE TEXAS MUSHROOM FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 2026
IN THE TRUMAN KIMBRO CENTER