

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
CONSERVATION EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
PHOTO CONTEST RULES**

ELIGIBILITY: The KACD Photo Contest is open to amateur photographers who are residents of Kansas. (An amateur photographer is one whose majority of income does not come from photography.) Each county Conservation District can submit one photo each year. Persons age 18 or younger as of December 1st can compete in this contest. Entrants may compete in the contest conducted by the conservation district in which they reside, or in the conservation district where they physically attend school. Entrants may participate in only one district contest.

SUBJECT MATTER: Conservation Practices within the county in which the photographer resides. (Examples)

Contour Buffer Strips, Contour Farming & Strip cropping, Cover Crop, Critical Area Planting, Crop Residue Management, Crop Rotation, Diversion, Field Borders, Grade Stabilization Structures (dam/embankment), Grass Waterways, Livestock Management, Manure Storage and Runoff Control, Nutrient Management, Pasture Planting, Pest Management, Riparian Buffer, Rotational Grazing, Stream bank & Shoreline Stabilization, Terrace, Tree Planting, Upland Wildlife Habitat, Water & Sediment Control Basin, Well Abandonment, Wetland Restoration, Wildlife Food Plot, Windbreaks, and Woodlot Management.

ENTRIES: Should be sent to Roberta Spencer, Program Coordinator of the Conservation Education & Youth Committee of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (Jackson County Conservation District, 307 Montana, Holton, KS 66436) **NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR.** The entry from each district must be entered in the State Photo Awards Program by the Conservation District board of supervisors.

AWARDS: 1st place winner will receive a **\$100** cash prize and 2nd place **\$50**. 5 Honorable mention award winners will also be selected, but will not receive a monetary award. Winning photos will be exhibited at the annual convention of the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts at which time the winners will be announced. It is the responsibility of each conservation district to pick up their photo entry following the Tuesday morning Employees Organization meeting. The awards will be distributed at the Youth and Education Committee meeting on Monday at convention.

PHOTO RULES:

Photo must be taken any time from October 1 - September 30 of each year. 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.).

County Conservation Districts may conduct their own photo contest having entries submitted by .jpeg, etc. but the winning photograph must be submitted to KACD Education & Youth as specified in the rules.

NAME AND ADDRESS: Include on the back of the mount board a brief description of the photo, when and where the photo was taken, photographer's full name and age, learning level, parent's name, home address and conservation district. 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 KACD Education and Youth Committee permission to use their photos in any publications, social media, websites, displays and other places without payment or other consideration. A photo release form 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.

NACD/Auxiliary Photo Contest: The KACD Education & Youth Committee strongly encourages Conservation Districts to enter photos in the NACD/Auxiliary Photo Contest. More information is provided on the National Association of Conservation District's website.

KACD Education & Youth Committee established the photo contest in November, 2015 to go in effect for entries in the 2016 KACD contest. (October 1 – September 30 of each year). Revised Nov 2016 for 2017 contest.