2026 Texas Rice Festival
Photography Contest
Rules & Information

AGE DIVISIONS

- Students 12th Grade & Under
- Adults 18 yrs & older

CATEGORIES

- Rice
- Family Living
- Black & White
- Wildlife & Nature

AWARDS

Cash awards will be given in both Student and Adult Divisions for the **Family Living, Black & White, and Wildlife & Nature** categories.

- Best of Show – $50.00 & Rosette
- 1st Place – $25.00 & Rosette
- 2nd Place – $15.00 & Ribbon
- Honorable Mention Ribbons will be given at the judge's discretion

Cash awards will be given in both Student and Adult Divisions for the Rice category.

- 1st Place – $100.00 & Rosette

JUDGING

Photos will be judged by qualified photographers. All decisions made by the judges are final.

ELIGIBILITY

Amateur photographers only, professional photographers are not allowed to enter. Open to Texas residents of any age.

DEADLINE & ENTRY FEES

Entry fee is $5.00 per photo or $15.00 for 3 photos. Contestants can enter an unlimited number of photographs. Entry deadline is **September 18, 2026.**

GENERAL RULES

1. Entries must be an 8 X 10 photograph and should be matted with an 11 X 14 solid color mat. Mats cannot be patterned or cut in any decorative style. **No framed photos**

2. Entries must not be older than one year. Photographs previously entered in the Texas Rice Festival Photography Contest will not be allowed to re-enter.

3. Rice Category: **ANYTHING** pertaining to rice or rice production may be entered.

4. Family Living Category: Should be families living or interacting with each other, **NOT** staged family portraits.

5. Registration forms **MUST** be completed and attached to the back of each photograph with the following information: name, phone number, category, age division and title of photo.

6. Deadline for entry is Friday, September 18, 2026. Photographs should be turned into the Texas Rice Festival office located at 307 East LeBlanc Rd. in Winnie. After September 7, 2026, take entries to the park office behind the stage.

7. Mailed entries should be sent to P.O. Box 147, Winnie, Texas 77665. If mailing by UPS or Fed Ex send to 307 E. LeBlanc Rd., Winnie, Texas 77665.

8. Entries **MUST** be picked up Saturday, October 3, before 6:00 p.m. Any unclaimed entries can be picked up at the Texas Rice Festival Park office the following week. **All Photos not picked up that week will be discarded. TRF will not be responsible for photos not picked up**

9. If entry is to be returned by mail after the festival is over, a correct size stamped envelope should be included at the time of entry.

10. Entry fee must be paid upon submission. Checks, cash, and money orders, are accepted. Make checks payable to the Texas Rice Festival.

Photographs will be on display for public viewing in the Community Building located near the South Admissions Gate. On Friday October 2, 2026, from 9am to 6pm and Saturday October 3, 2026, from 9am to 6pm.

PLEASE NOTE
In the event of a rain out or natural disaster, entry fees will not be refunded.

2026 Photography Contest
Entry Form

Number of Entries:_____

Photographer's Name:_____

School (if applicable)_____

Address: _____
(Mailing) (City) (State) (Zip)

Phone:_____ Email: _____

Age Division: (check one)

____ Student -12th Grade & Under

____ Adult -18 yrs & Older

Category: (check one)

____ Rice
____ Family Living
____ Black & White
____ Nature & Wildlife

Title: _____

Entry Fees: $5.00 per photo or $15.00 for 3 photos. If you have more than 3 photos, please make a copy of the next page so you will have enough entry forms to attach on back of your photos. For more information call the festival office (409) 296-4404.

Complete the registration forms on the following page and attach to the back of each entry

Photographer's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Title of Photo: _____

Category: ☐ Rice ☐ Open ☐ Family Living ☐ Black & White ☐ Nature & Wildlife

Age Division: ☐ Student ☐ Adult

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Photographer's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Title of Photo: _____

Category: ☐ Rice ☐ Open ☐ Family Living ☐ Black & White ☐ Nature & Wildlife

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