

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 photo 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:

NO EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER 1 AND NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19 OF EACH YEAR, one JPEG or TIFF photo file and the KACD photo contest entry/release should be sent to pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net . **Only an electronic submission, either a picture or a scanned copy, of the original photo is acceptable as a JPEG or TIFF file.**

The photo file name must follow this format.

County_Lastname of photographer

The photo contest entry/release form file name:

County_Lastname of photographer_entry form

The KACD Photo Contest entry from each conservation district must be entered in the State Photo Awards Program by the conservation district board of supervisors.

EXAMPLE:

Peter Cadbury in 6th grade has taken a photo which has won first place in the Neosho County Conservation District Conservation Photo Contest. The District Manager will submit the photo to pamela.walker@ks.nacdnet.net as a .jpg or .tiff file with the file name of Neosho_Cadbury. His entry form/photo release file will be named Neosho_Cadbury_entry form, and it will be submitted with the photo file.

AWARDS: 1st place winner will receive a \$100 cash prize and 2nd place \$50. Up to 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.

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.

TERMS: In submitting photo, the photographer gives KACD Education and Youth Committee permission to use their photo in any publications, social media, websites, displays and other places without payment or other consideration. A photo release form is part of the entry form and must be completed and submitted as instructed in the ENTRIES section of these rules.

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 asks Conservation Districts to encourage individuals of all ages to enter additional conservation photos in the NACD/Auxiliary Photo Contest. Photos entered in the NACD/Auxiliary Photo Contest must be taken specifically for that 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 Dec 2017 for 2018 contest.

KACD Photo Contest rules revised June 2021 to reflect change in submission process from mounted photo submission to electronic photo file submission.