

2025 Youth Conservation Photography Contest

Sponsored by the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District



Categories:

Landscapes - Sunsets, rivers, lakes, parks, pastures, and other impressive views.

Native Wildlife - This category includes any wildlife that is native to Lexington County. You can submit a photo of a deer in a field, a butterfly on a flower, a wild turkey in flight, a red cardinal in the snow, etc.

Domestic animals (cats, dogs, farm animals) and zoo animals are not accepted as native wildlife.

Rural Life - Photos of farm animals, crops in the field or on the table, people working in farm fields, farm equipment, old barns and buildings, are examples of what can be entered in this category.

Trees and Plants - Enter anything from a field of wildflowers to a gnarled oak tree to a branch of peach blossoms. (Be Creative and Use Your Imagination!)

Divisions:

I - Grades 9-12

II - Grades 6-8

Deadline: April 4, 2025

Awards:

1st place in each category in each division – certificate and \$50

2nd place in each category in each division – certificate and \$25

Honorable Mention — certificate and magazine subscription

Winning photos will be displayed at the Annual Recognition Banquet held on May 1, 2025, on our website, newsletter, and social media.

Rules:

- Photos are to be taken in Lexington County between **July 1, 2024, and April 1, 2025.**
- The photographer must reside in Lexington County. The photograph must be taken by the individual entering the contest. Enhancements of photographs are not allowed.
- Photos must have the complete information below attached to the e-mail with each photo to qualify:
 - A. Photographer's name, address, city, state, zip code and phone number
 - B. Photographer's grade level and school
 - C. Category and title of photograph
 - D. Location where photo taken
 - E. Month/Date photo was taken
 - F. Subject - Name of each person in photo, if any
 - G. Email
 - H. Name of art teacher

Black and white or color photos will be accepted by electronic means.

Email all photographs to NwalkerLSWCD@gmail.com.

******Note: Pictures must represent the natural world and not be altered******

- Each participant may enter only one photo in each category in the contest.
- Photos will be judged on technical merit and composition. For technical merit, judges may check to see if the photo is well framed, properly exposed and sharp and clear. For composition, judges determine if the photo features a recognizable center of interest, action, imagination, and creativity.
- All Photos become the property of the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District who reserves the right to use all photographs in their publications, on their Web site, and for conservation promotion purposes (with credit line given). Participants should keep copies of their photos.

Entries must be received by **4:30 p.m. April 4, 2025**
Email all entries to Nick Walker at NwalkerLSWCD@gmail.com

All participants will be notified through email about the status of their photo. Winners will receive invitations and will be recognized at our Annual Recognition Banquet to be held on **May 1, 2025.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Lexington Soil and Water Conservation District Office at 803-358-8688, or visit our website at <http://www.lexswcd.org>.