“ELEMENTS” West Point Clay County Art Council

Photo Competition Contest Rules 2022-23

The theme “ELEMENTS” can be of the world around us. All photography must be taken in 2022-2023 but photos do not have to be taken in only Clay County.

**This competition is open to amateurs only: no photography experience is required.**

**Three age categories Prizes for each age category**

1. Youth children up to age 12 1st Prize: $100
2. Teens ages 13-17 2nd Prize: $50
3. Adults ages 18 and over Honorable Mention: $25

**Grand Prize for Overall Winner: $250**

Competition runs November 1 to April 19, 2023. Entries can be mailed to P.O. Box 105 or dropped off at the Growth Alliance. All entries must be postmarked by April 19. A 2-judge panel will evaluate and select all winners. Photos will be exhibited at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 2:00 PM. Awards will presented at 2:30 PM.

**GUIDELINES:**

1. **Entrants must live, work or attend school in West Point or Clay County.**
2. **Entrants must be amateur photographers.**
3. **Entrants may submit a maximum of 3 photographs.**
4. **All photographs must have been taken in the 2022-2023 calendar year.**
5. **Entrants must certify they took the submitted photos and have permission to use any images involved.**
6. **Only photographs taken in good taste will be accepted.**
7. **All photos must be from “5x7” or “8x10”, mounted on white card stock. No frames or mats around the photos!**
8. **Photos may be color, black and white or a combination.**
9. **Photos may be taken with film or with digital media.**
10. **Photos may be printed on ink jet photo paper, dye sub paper or regular photo paper.**
11. **Photos may be adjusted or digitally manipulated.**
12. **The back of each photo must contain: entrant’s name, age if youth or teen, full home address, phone numbers, location of shot and any relevant technical information.**
13. **Entrant may also state briefly why the photo fits the theme of the competition.**
14. **While entrants retain ownership of their images, the Arts Council or the City of West Point may use all submitted photos for promotional purposes, to include brochures, calendars or cards. Copies of each winning entry will be retained for the Permanent Collection.**

**“ELEMENTS” Photo Competition Entry Form: Please Print**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Clay County Work or School Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Check Age Category: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Youth(up to 12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Teen (13-17) \_\_\_\_\_ Adult (18+)**

***Be sure to write your name, complete address & phone number on the back of each photo entry.***

Fill in photo information below. Attach extra paper if needed. Submit up to 3 photos.

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| **BRIEF PHOTO DESCRIPTION** | **LOCATION PHOTO WAS TAKEN** | **APPROXIMATE DATE TAKEN** |
| Example: Fishing Trip | Example: Walkers Lake | Example: June 2022 |
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**REMEMBER: PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE BETWEEN “5X7” AND “8X10”, MOUNTED ON WHITE CARD STOCK.**

I understand that the photos I am submitting belong to me and will be available for pick up at the Louise Campbell Center for the Arts in late January unless my photo wins. If my representative or I do not pick up my work then, the West Point Clay County Arts Council has no responsibility to return photo to me. I also understand that if my photography wins any prize in any age category, it will be retained in the Arts Council permanent collection. I also grant the West Point Clay County Arts Council and the City of West Point the right to the images for promotional purposes, which may include brochures, calendars and cards, and I will provide a copy of the photo upon request.

I have appropriate permission to submit my photograph(s) to this competition. My photos were taken in 2022.

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**Mail this form with your mounted photo(s) to WPCC Arts Council, PO Box, 105, West Point, MS 39773 or you may drop your entries at the Growth Alliance by December 22, 2022.**