



Photo Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. Eligibility:

- The photo contest is open to all amateur and professional photographers.
- Participants must be 16 years of age or older to enter.
- Employees and members of the Board of Directors of Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce are not eligible to participate for the cash prizes.

2. Submission Deadline:

- All entries must be submitted by Monday, December 2, 2024, at 11:59 P.M. Eastern Standard Time.

3. Theme:

- The theme for the photo contest is "Capturing the Spirit of Shippensburg." Submit photos of your favorite scenes, locations, or places in Shippensburg.

4. Submission Guidelines:

- There are 5 categories to choose from. Each participant can submit up to 10 photographs.
- Categories include:
 - Festival/Events
 - Recreation/Sports
 - Arts/Culture/Historic Sites/Local Attractions
 - Scenic/Nature/Landscapes
 - Architecture (building/businesses across all industries and institutions)
- Photos must be in digital format (JPEG or PNG) and should not exceed 100MB in file size.
- Photos should be submitted to officemanager@shippensburg.org specifying your category in the body of the e-mail.

5. Image Specifications:

- Photos must be original and not manipulated to an extent that they no longer represent reality.
- Watermarks or copyright notices should not be visible on the submitted images.
- Images should be of high resolution and quality.
- Photos must be in color.

6. Ownership and Usage Rights:

- By submitting a photo to this contest, the participant agrees that all submitted photos become the property of Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce.
- Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to use, reproduce, and publish the submitted photos for promotional and non-commercial purposes.

7. Judging Criteria:

- Photos will be judged based on creativity, composition, relevance to the theme, and overall visual impact.
- The decision of the judging panel is final and binding.

8. Prizes:

- A cash prize of \$25 will be awarded to the overall winner of each category.
- Non-winners' pictures may still be featured in any Chamber advertisements; in which case the photographer will be credited.
- Prizes are non-transferable and non-exchangeable.

9. Notification of Winners:

- Winners will be notified via the contact information provided during submission.
- A list of winners will also be published on Shippensburg.org/photo-contest.

10. Disqualification:

- Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to disqualify any entry that violates the rules and guidelines or for any other reason.

11. Release of Liability:

- By participating in this contest, participants Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce from any liability associated with the contest.

12. Copyright and Plagiarism:

- Participants are responsible for ensuring that their submitted photos do not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, or other intellectual property rights of others.

13. Contact:

- For any questions or inquiries, please contact Erin Parker via the contact information provided below.

Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce looks forward to receiving your captivating photos that showcase the essence of Shippensburg. Thank you for participating in our photo contest!

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