



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST GUIDELINES

Palm Harbor Library is seeking photographers who are interested in participating in its third annual "Photography Contest." The submission period opens April 6th, 2026, and closes May 18th, 2026, at 5:00pm.

I. The criteria for submission are as follows:

1. Monochrome or color photographs on photographic paper shall be submitted.
2. Frame size limitation: 30 x 40 inch frame maximum and a 8 x 10 inch frame size minimum. All photographs must be **matted and framed, and those photographs not meeting these requirements will be disqualified.**
3. A completed application, firmly attached to the back of the frame, must accompany each photograph at the time of the submission.
4. Two submissions maximum; one application per submission.
5. You must be at least 13 years of age to apply.
6. The last day to submit entries is **May 18, 2026**, by 5:00pm. Winners will be announced June 1st, 2026 at the monthly "Cameras & Coffee" event.
7. The accepted entries will be determined by the "Photographic Selection Committee" composed of individuals selected by the contest facilitator, and all submission and judging decisions are final.
8. All submissions should be family-friendly and suitable for public library viewing.
9. Palm Harbor Library is not responsible for damage to entries, including frames, matting, or photographs.
10. All entries must be retrieved by June 30, 2026, or their entries will be forfeited to PHL.

II. Categories:

This is an open contest, without any themes, **but submissions must be in one of the categories designated on the application.** One of the criteria for judging is how well the photograph conforms to the entered category. The same image can only be entered into one category. "Image" means the same original file or image capture – so a manipulated/alterd version of the same file/image capture can't be entered in a different category.

III. Submission Process:

1. All entries must be submitted by 5:00pm on **May 18th, 2026**. No incomplete entries will be considered.
2. Library staff accepting entries will **not** determine whether your application is complete or whether your entry meets all submission criteria. You may ask about the submission criteria during one of the "Photography Contest Photo Talk" sessions held on the first Monday during the months of April and May. Please check our calendar for times and locations.
3. All entries are final. Once an entry is submitted, it cannot be edited, revised, or exchanged for another entry.

IV. Winning Entries

There will be a winner for each category. There will be an overall contest winner announced from the winners of each category. The overall winner will receive a prize to be determined by the contest facilitator.



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST SUBMISSION FORM

Please print.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail _____

Website (optional) _____

Name of Photograph _____

Categories (circle only one)

Color (circle below)

Landscapes	Portraits	Architecture
Street	Wildlife (no pets)	Action
Low Light	Travel	Minimalist/Abstract
Macro	Best 13 to 18 Photographer	America250

Monochrome (circle below)

Landscapes	Portraits	Architecture
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All photographers certify by submitting this work that their entry is their own original work, and that any model releases or waivers have been obtained. No AI generated images are allowed, and all entries must have been shot by the photographer submitting them, and be their copyright, and this extends to all the elements within an image, if the image is a composite of any kind. The Palm Harbor Library reserves the right to request from the entrant a copy of the original camera file/image capture and a screengrab of their editing software showing other images from the same shoot, and to eliminate entries where such a request is ignored or where it is suspected that the rules have been infringed. All imagery **MUST** be the exclusive work of the submitting photographer and may not include any element that is the copyright of another. The Copyright for each image entered will remain with the submitting photographer. By entering the Competition and submitting your photograph(s), you hereby grant the Palm Harbor Library a non-exclusive, irrevocable license to use your photograph(s) for any purpose connected with the contest, including (but not limited to), promoting the contest within printed and online media, the inclusion within printed and digital versions of any contest book, the inclusion within printed and digital versions of any display at exhibitions, use in press, promotional and marketing materials, social media networks, and for the promotion of any future photographic contest in both print and online media.