

# PHOTO CONTEST RULES

## The Best of Centerville Photo Contest

1. Contest Dates:
  - Entries will be accepted June 17 through August 30, 2019
  - Photographs entered in the contest can be taken at any time.
  - Entry forms and photos must be uploaded to the website no later than August 30, 2019.
  
2. Entry Information:
  - There is no fee to enter the contest.
  - The contest is open to all photographers.
  - City employees and their families are not eligible to enter.
  - The contestant must be the actual photographer for each image submitted under their name.
  - Photographs must be taken in and around Centerville.
  - Contestants may enter up to 3 photographs total.
  - Each photo must be entered in the appropriate age category. 6-12 • 13-17 • 18+
  - Entries received in the 6 – 12 year old category must have parental consent.
  - Photos and submission information must be submitted via the official submission form found online at [www.cityofcenterville.gov](http://www.cityofcenterville.gov)
  - Photo must be a digital file uploaded via the submission form. The City will not accept hard copies of photographs or emailed photographs.
  - The City of Centerville is not responsible for entries lost through the entry procedure.
  - If there are identifiable people in the photo and it was taken in a non-public space, it is the responsibility of the photographer to obtain permission to use the photo.
  - Incomplete entries will not be judged. Contestants must provide name, email address, telephone number, and age group as well as the photo file. If there are identifiable people in the photo, the contestant must include the name of the person(s) and consent.
  - Providing a title, date, or location for the photograph is optional.
  - The City of Centerville reserves the right to remove from the contest any submitted image that depicts illegal, unsafe, patently offensive, or otherwise inappropriate content, advertising, content implying City support or sponsorship, or any other content that the City deems contrary to the goals and intent of the contest.
  - By submitting, contestants agree to the following:
    - I hereby give permission to the City of Centerville or anyone authorized by the City of Centerville to use and/or reproduce any or all digital images for any purpose including multi-media publications (print, Internet, broadcast television, presentations and internal City use) without compensation to me. The City will make every reasonable effort to ensure the creator of the image is properly credited when the image is used.
    - I understand that my submittal may be used in its entirety or in part and may be revised, modified, or combined with other images for use by the City and its designees.
    - I understand that any digital images submitted will become and remain property of the City.
    - I understand that any digital images submitted may be reviewed by the public and may be displayed in City and non-City facilities.
    - Contestant releases and discharges the City of Centerville from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the photos, including without limitation, any and all claims for invasion of privacy.
    - I have received permission from all person(s) in the photograph(s) for use of their image as part of my entry into the City of Centerville Annual Photography Contest.

- I certify that the photos I submitted are unique and original, taken by me, and do not infringe upon any copyright or patent.
    - I certify that I have read and understand the rules of the contest.
  - Any submission received after the entry deadline will not be eligible.
- 3. Image Requirements:
  - Digital source (camera, phone, media device):
    1. JPG digital format.
    2. Set at no less than 5 megapixels high resolution.  
(To determine if your image meets the 5 megapixel requirement, simply multiply the vertical and horizontal pixel dimensions together, and if the result is larger than 5,000,000 your image size is large enough).
  - Digitally scanned from a non-digital source:
    1. JPG digital format.
    2. File size between 3 megabytes (minimum) and 9 megabytes (maximum at 300 dpi (dots per inch)).
  - Watermarks: The City of Centerville prefers to receive entries without watermarks. If you choose to submit an entry with a watermark, please make it small and place it on the edge of the image. The City of Centerville reserves the right to remove watermarked entries from the contest.
- 4. Judging: Photos will be judged on the basis of visual appeal (quality and clarity), pictorial composition, and originality as well as how well the photograph portrays the community of Centerville. Decisions of the judging panel are final.
- 5. Awards: Winners will be notified by email and announced at a City of Centerville Council meeting. Attendance of winners is encouraged. Winning photos will be displayed in the Centerville Police Department Art Gallery in October.
- 6. Information contained in these official rules is for reference only and is subject to change. The City of Centerville reserves the right to revise, amend, or repeal these contest rules at any time