



Franklin County Photo Contest Rules & Guidelines

Only photos taken in Franklin County will be accepted with the exception of the following: images taken in Shippensburg Borough, on the Shippensburg University campus, at Cowans Gap State Park, and at Caledonia State Park and Long Pine Reservoir. Photographers are reminded not to trespass on private property when taking photos and to stay alert of their surroundings at all times. Photos must be recent (taken since January 1, 2019).

Only full-color, high-quality photos will be accepted. Black and white photos will not be accepted. Entries must be submitted in an electronic format (.jpg). Due to email limitations, please keep file sizes to a maximum file size of 6 MB when submitting multiple images in one email. You may submit up to three photos per category. Photos in separate categories should be submitted in separate emails (e.g. one email for recreation photos, a second email for nature photos, a third email for festival photos, etc.). Please complete the Franklin County Photo Contest Entry Form and submit a copy with your photo submission(s). Please submit a new entry form for each new category. Entries will not be accepted without a completed and signed entry form.

The use of watermarks on photos is prohibited. Images that have been digitally altered or manipulated will not be accepted. This includes adding or subtracting objects or people from an image, applying artistic filters and special effects, and high dynamic range (HDR) images. Collages will not be accepted. Images that have minor edits, such as color correction, spot removal, sharpening, cropping, red eye removal, etc. will be accepted.

Please clearly identify each photo by renaming each file in the following format: photographer's first and last name_photo subject_location of photo. For example: JoeSmith_AppleFest_Chambersburg.jpg. Photos failing to meet this standard may be disqualified.

Entries will be judged according to the overall quality of the photograph, specifically subject matter, composition of the image, exposure, color and focus. Judges reserve the

right to recategorize submissions that may fall into a more appropriate category. The county reserves the right to disqualify any photos it deems inappropriate or unsuitable. Entries that do not comply with contest rules will be disqualified. Judges' decisions will be final.

Whenever possible, the County of Franklin will provide attribution in the form of the photographer's name, per the county's discretion. Attribution will appear next to the photo or in the credits of the work product.

By submitting an application, the applicant hereby agrees that:

- all photographs submitted, including those photos that do not achieve a first-place ranking in the contest, shall become the property of the County of Franklin in perpetuity and will be archived electronically for use in future projects. The applicant grants to the County of Franklin at no charge the unrestricted, royalty-free, world-wide, non-exclusive, perpetual and irrevocable right to use, reproduce, distribute or display, in whole or in part, any photograph(s) for any purpose, including, but not limited to, use in its publications or for other promotional purposes. Such promotional purposes may include, but not be limited to websites, social media, printed materials, billboards, and any other media that exists now or may be developed in the future. The County of Franklin will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses, and the applicant is not entitled to further notification or permission.
- any persons appearing in the submitted photograph(s) have given the applicant and the County of Franklin consent for reproduction and promotional use.
- the applicant has the right to submit the photograph(s) to this contest.
- the applicant earns less than 50% of his or her annual income through photography.
- the applicant is at least 18 years of age at the time of submission.
- the applicant is not a current employee of Franklin County government.
- Franklin County has the permission to publish the applicant's name and hometown with a list of winners by any of the following means: social media, press releases, county website, etc.

All photos must be received by December 30, 2022.