

## Montana League of Cities and Towns' 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference Photo Contest Rules

**Term:** Montana League of Cities and Towns' 91st Annual Conference Photo Contest (hereinafter "Photo Contest") begins 12:01 a.m. July 15, 2022, and ends 5:00 p.m. Mountain Daylight Savings Time on August 15, 2022. By submitting an entry, each contestant agrees to the rules of the contest as set forth herein.

**Who may enter:** The Photo Contest is open to elected officials and employees of any incorporated city or town in Montana, and employees and owners of private businesses and organizations that provide merchandise or services that support the business of Montana local government. All entrants must be at least 18 years old. Individuals affiliated with the Montana League of Cities and Towns (League) or the Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority, including employees, Board members, and their immediate families (children, parents, siblings and spouses) and others living in their households are not eligible for any prize.

**Photo eligibility and permissions:** To be eligible for the Photo Contest, a photograph must have either been shot by the entrant since September 1, 2021, or, in the case of a historic photo, either be the sole property of the entrant or the entrant must have sole rights to the use and reproduction of the photograph for the use of the photo by the League and MMIA as set forth herein. These eligibility requirements apply to all images in a composite photograph. By submitting the photo, the entrant certifies that they the sole creator and/or copyright owner of the submitted photograph for the use of the photo by the League and MMIA as set forth herein. The League and the MMIA will determine eligibility of all photographs in their sole discretion.

Eligible subjects for the Photo Contest include but are not limited to parks and recreation; community events; historical, important, or wayfinding places and hardscapes like buildings, equipment, streets, sidewalks, or monuments; municipal employees or elected officials at work; and historical photos. Photographs that demonstrate the improper or dangerous use of tools, materials, and equipment or document a violation of OSHA, NEC, applicable laws, or industry best practices are not eligible for the Photo Contest.

For any photograph in which a person is recognizable, the entrant must be prepared to provide a model release from each subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian, upon request.

For any photograph depicting the work or art of an individual other than the entrant (such as sculptures, statues, paintings, and other copyrightable works), the entrant must be prepared to provide a release from the rights holder upon request. When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's creation.

For photographs depicting personal or real property of a personal or private nature, or where the entrant accessed private property to take the photograph, the entrant must be prepared to provide a release from the property owner upon request.

If the entrant is unable to provide all required releases, the League and the MMIA in their sole discretion reserve the right to disqualify the submission, seek to secure the required releases, or permit the submission to remain in the contest.

Photographs that violate or infringe upon another person's rights without express permission, including but not limited to copyright, are not eligible.

Photographs that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content, as determined by the League and the MMIA in their sole discretion, are ineligible for the Photo Contest.

**How to Enter:** Please submit photographs and requested information online at <https://hipaa.jotform.com/221915071560147>. Each entrant may submit a total of 5 photographs. In order to be displayed in our online gallery without being stretched or distorted, photographs must be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format, edited for web in sRGB color space, at least 2,000 pixels wide and no larger than 10 MB. You must complete a separate form for each photo submitted. High-quality scans of non-digital photographs are acceptable. Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible.

We do not accept photographs submitted through the mail and do not accept more than one contestant per e-mail address. Finalists must be prepared to submit an original, unedited digital file or an original negative, print or slide. Original negatives, prints or slides will be returned to finalists. The League and MMIA reserve the right to disqualify incomplete entries and/or entrants who are unable to submit, upon request, a high-resolution photograph of at least 300 dpi at 3,000 pixels on the longest side or an original photo negative, print or slide. Mobile photographs are exempt from this size requirement, but must be submitted at their highest resolution upon request.

**Permission to Use Photo:** Entrants retain their rights to every submitted photograph. However, by entering the contest, you grant the League and MMIA a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of the organizations and their websites, exhibition, and communications, including but not limited to League and MMIA publications. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. The League and MMIA will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

**Judging:** Photo entries will be judged by the League and MMIA based on creativity, quality, originality, responsiveness to the purpose of the Photo Contest, historical importance to Montana, and overall impact. The League and MMIA will determine all final categories and select a winner for each category in their sole discretion and all decisions are final. The winners will be notified of their status on or before September 21, 2022.