

2019 Williamstown Township Photo Contest Official Rules

Williamstown Township is having a photo contest for amateur photographers (those who do not make a “substantial living” from the profession of photography). The primary purpose of the contest is to gather photos to feature in our 2020 Williamstown Township calendar, however entries may be utilized on the Township Website and in other materials for use by the Township.

ELIGIBILITY:

There will be three age categories: 12 and under, 13 to 17, and 18 and over as of the beginning date of the contest. Employees of Williamstown Township and their immediate families are not eligible to participate in or win the Contest.

CONTEST PERIOD:

The Contest will begin on February 26, 2019 at 12:01 a.m. ET, and end on October 21, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. ET (the “Contest Period”). Photographs may be taken before October 22, 2019 and must be taken within the borders of Williamstown Township. There is no entry fee.

TYPES OF PHOTOGRAPHS:

The Township is looking for digital photographs that are taken within the Township that demonstrates the character and charm of living in Williamstown Township. Only photographs taken within Williamstown Township by the end date of the Contest are eligible for prizes. If you wish to take photographs on non-public land, make sure you have permission of the landowner first before entering their property. Suggestions for subject matter includes:

- landscapes (in all seasons)
- events (personal or Township)
- animals (pets or wildlife/birds)
- buildings
- people (family, friends, groups, etc.)
- objects (as long as they are physically located within the Township)
- BE CREATIVE!

HOW TO ENTER:

Each participant may enter up to five photographs and must complete and submit the entry form with each submission. All entries must be received by in the Township office by October 22, 2019 at 10 a.m. ET to be eligible. Late entries will not be considered. Each photograph must be submitted in .JPG format only, high resolution, and can be between 5 MB and 10 MB in size. Post processing in Photoshop, Lightroom, etc. is permissible.

Please note: Entries submitted will be judged by three local professional photographers. Prizes include at least the following: Top of the Township (1st in each category), Tremendous Township (2nd in each category), and Terrific Township (3rd in each category) awards (described below). Additional prizes may be awarded.

Entry must be the original work of the entrant and entrant must be the sole owner of the copyright of such entry. Entry must be in keeping with the Township’s image and may not be inappropriate or offensive, as determined by the Township in their sole discretion, nor can it defame or invade publicity rights or privacy of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person’s personal or property rights or any

other third-party rights. The Township reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to disqualify any entry it deems to be offensive, inappropriate, that is not in keeping with Township image or that is otherwise not in compliance with the terms of these Official Rules. Entrant must have obtained express written consent to submit any entry that contains recognizable persons other than entrant or third-party elements not owned by entrant and, if requested to do so, produce such written consent from appropriate parties in a form and manner acceptable to the Township.

PRIZE JUDGING:

One (1) potential first place (Top of the Township) winner, one (1) potential second place (Tremendous Township) winner, and one (1) potential third place (Terrific Township) for each category. Winner will be determined from among all eligible entries received by a panel of professional photographer judges, based on the following criteria: Composition, Technical Quality and Artistic Appeal (“Judging Criteria”). The entrants who submitted the entry receiving the highest scores, as determined by the Township and its volunteer judges in their sole discretion, will be the potential winners and finalists respectively.

In the event of a tie for any prize, an additional “tie-breaking” judge (to be chosen by the Township) will determine the applicable winner or finalists from among those tied using the Criteria. The Township reserves the right to not award any prize if, in their sole discretion, an insufficient number of eligible and qualified entries are received. Decisions of the Township and its judges are final and binding.

WINNER NOTIFICATION:

Potential winners will be notified by telephone, mail and/or e-mail by November 5, 2019. The return of any prize notification as undeliverable, may result in disqualification and, at the Township’s discretion, the prize will be awarded to an applicable runner-up.

PRIZES:

Top of the Township (1st place):

TBD

Tremendous Township (2nd place):

TBD

Terrific Township (3rd place):

TBD

If, for any reason, the Township does not feature any of the winning entries in the Township’s marketing materials, no compensation will be provided; however, remainder of prize package will be awarded and the Township will have no further obligation to winners. All prize details are at the sole discretion of the Township and its Sponsors. No substitution, cash equivalent or transfer of prizes permitted by winners. Sponsors reserve the right to substitute a prize (or portion thereof) of comparable or greater value, in their sole discretion. All federal, state and local taxes as well as any costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance and use not specified herein as being awarded are sole responsibility of each winner. Prizes are awarded “as is” with no warranty or guarantee, either express or implied by the Sponsors or the Township.

USE OF ENTRY:

By submitting an entry, entrant grants the Sponsors and their designees an irrevocable, royalty-free, nonexclusive, perpetual license to use the entry and his/her name, city and state of residence in the Township's marking materials, primarily in the 2020 calendar, without further compensation, notification or permission, unless prohibited by law.

USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Your personal information collected in connection with this Contest, such as name and city, will be used in Township publications.

MISCELLANEOUS: The Township is not responsible for late, lost, garbled, damaged, incomplete, delayed, undelivered, or misdirected entries or photographs or for computer, technical, printing, typographical, human or other errors relating to or in connection with the Contest, including, without limitation, errors which may occur in the administration of the Contest, the processing or judging of entries, the announcement of the prizes or in any Contest-related materials. If for any reason the Contest (or any portion thereof) is not capable of running as planned, including infection by tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Contest, the Township reserves the right, at their sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest and, if terminated, at its discretion, determine winners from among all non-suspect, eligible entries received up to time of such action using judging procedure described above. By participating, entrant agrees (i) to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules and the decisions of the Township and judges, which are final and binding in all respects, and (ii) to hold the Township and their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, prize suppliers and advertising and promotion agencies, and the respective directors, officers, employees and agents of the foregoing (collectively, the "Released Parties"), harmless against any and all claims and liability arising, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, out of or in connection with participation in this Contest, acceptance and use of any prize or Released Parties' use of any of the rights granted herein. Township may disqualify (and void all associated entries) anyone from participating in the Contest or winning a prize if, in its sole discretion, it determines that such person is attempting to undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest by cheating, deception or other unfair practices, or intending to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other entrant or Township representatives or who is otherwise not in compliance with the terms of these rules.

WINNERS' LIST: A list of winners will be posted at the Township office by November 7, 2019.

SPONSORS:

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