

2026 SUMMER PHOTO CONTEST OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for Entries: Midnight, May 31, 2026

People's Choice Voting Period: July 1, 2026, through July 30, 2026

CONTEST RULES AND CONDITIONS

- Anyone can enter contest with the exception of jury members.
- Entrants can submit up to three photos.
- Entries must be submitted with an official entry form and publicity release (up to three entries per form).
- There is no cost to enter.
- All submissions must be received via email no later than midnight on May 31, 2026.
- Images must be sent as a JPG and cannot exceed 5MB in size (minimum 1MB)
- Image files should be named as follows: Title of Image—Photographer Last Name
- Photographs must fall into one of the official contest categories.
- Photographs must be taken within the past year in Florida (location identified on submission form).
- Photograph must be original work owned by the registrant.
- Basic editing is permitted, however no special effects or heavy edits may be applied to photograph.
- Text, logos, and/or names cannot be included on photo.
- All photographs are subject to acceptance for exhibition – entering contest does not guarantee your work will be selected.

Any photo not meeting the above rules and guidelines will not be considered for selection.

CATEGORIES (10 submissions will be selected by jury for each category)

- 1) **In Love with the Land:** This category is for landscapes showcasing nature in all her glory.
- 2) **The Art of Nature:** A celebration of abstract expressions in nature and science, this category is for close-ups, angles, patterns, motion, or other unique perspectives of the natural world.
- 3) **Beautiful Waters:** This category highlights the beauty of Florida's waters and is dedicated to the unique rivers, lakes, and coastlines that define the Sunshine State.
- 4) **It's a Wild Life:** A mesmerizing array of wildlife can be found across the Sunshine State. From birds to bears, this category is for celebrating the beauty, grace, and raw power of our native species.
- 5) **Youth Perspective:** This category is for photographers age 15 and under. Submissions must still fall into one of the categories above.