Photo Contest Rules

SPONSORS

Sponsors are the Gerontology Certificate Program, Department of Health & Human Development, College of Education/Health and Human Development, Montana State University, located in Herrick Hall, Room 205, Bozeman MT 59717.

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The Fall 2016 Photography Contest “Experiences of Aging” begins October 1st, 2016 and ends January, 31st 2017. By submitting an entry, each entrant agrees to the Official Rules and warrants that his or her entry complies with all requirements set out in the Official Rules. This is a skilled-based contest and chance plays no part in the determination of winners.

WHO MAY ENTER

Students of Montana State University who are actively enrolled during the 2016-2017 school year are eligible to participate. Prizes are awarded to the top 2 photos in 3 different categories. Administration, Faculty, and Staff, are eligible for only the category marked administration, faculty, or staff of Montana State University category. Prizes are not awarded for this category.

WHAT TO ENTER

The theme of the contest is “Experiences of Aging”. Photographs cannot be of minors (anyone under the age of 18) Only photographs taken by the student who submits the photo are eligible.

The categories are: (Students May only enter 1 Category and have only 1 Submission)

Black and White – black and white photos may be submitted as taken or digitally enhanced
Color – color photos may be submitted as taken or digitally enhanced
Color Photo - University administration, faculty, and staff (No Prizes awarded for this category)

HOW TO ENTER AND OFFICIAL RULES

All photographs will be submitted online to be eligible. Photographs must be in a .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format. No print or film submissions will be accepted for this Contest. The photograph need not be taken with a digital camera; high-quality scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable. Digital photographs should be
taken with the highest resolution possible; however, files submitted may not be larger than 2,048k (2 Mb). Each photograph should have a (1-5) word description of the photo.

Student entrants may submit only one entry in either of the two categories, using your student email, MSU employees should use their MSU email account and send to: experienceofaging@gmail.com. Entrants must use their own MSU email user ID to submit their photographs. (This determines who receives credit as the photographer.) Each photograph will be titled (1-5 words). Enter the photo’s category and title in the subject line and in the body of the email. Also please write a 1 paragraph history/background/story of the picture. Include a signed copy of the Model Release/Informed Consent Form for any person whose likeness appears in your submission. The entrant is responsible to submit a signed release to the MSU Gerontology Certificate Program via email or in person at 205 Herrick Hall.

The photograph, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material taken by the Contest entrant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted photograph is an original work created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe the rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph. Entries are void if the Sponsor determines the photograph to not be an original, or for any other reason Sponsor deems valid including, but not limited to, objectionable or inappropriate content.

The entries in each Category will be judged separately. Proof of submission is not proof of receipt.

The Gerontology Certificate Program and Montana State University reserve the right to display winning and non-winning photos and use all photos submitted in any way deemed appropriate to sponsors at no cost and without any additional permission from entrant. Entrants retain all other rights to their own photographs.

RELEASES

If the photograph contains any material or elements that are not owned by the entrant and/or which are subject to the rights of third parties, and/or if any persons appear in the photograph, the entrant is responsible for obtaining, prior to submission of the photograph, any and all releases and consents necessary to permit the exhibition and use of the photograph in the manner set forth in these Official Rules without additional compensation. If any person appearing in any photograph is under the age of majority in their state/province/territory of residence the signature of a parent or legal guardian is required on each release.

All releases must be in the form provided by the Sponsor. Failure to provide such releases will result in disqualification.

Similarly, each entrant must provide a signed written license from the copyright owner of any sculpture, artwork, or other copyrighted material that appears in the photograph entry, authorizing the entrant and the university to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entry in connection with the Contest and promotion
of the Contest, in any media now or hereafter known. Failure to provide such releases upon submission will result in disqualification.

LICENSE
By entering the Contest, all entrants grant an irrevocable perpetual, non-exclusive license to Montana State University, to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entries (along with a name credit) for promotional and educational purposes, in any media now or hereafter known; publication in any print or online media associated with Montana State University. The university will not be required to pay any consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such use. Additionally, by entering, each entrant grants to Montana State University the unrestricted right to use all statements made in connection with the Contest, and pictures or likenesses of Contest entrants, or choose not to do so, at their sole discretion.

CONTEST WINNERS
A First Place, Second Place and Third Place acknowledgement will be awarded in each category. Honorable mentions will be named at the judges’ sole discretion.

Prizes will be awarded for the 3 categories as follows:
1st Prize: $400
2nd Prize: $250
3rd Prize: $100

JUDGING
A panel of judges selected by the Sponsors will determine the winners and the names will be posted on the website by February 20th, 2017. All winning photographs will be featured online, as well as other publications and events as deemed appropriate by the Sponsors. The Gerontology Certificate Program/Department of Health and Human Development will select photographs to be displayed at the Center’s location.
All finalists will be announced and photos could be displayed on the Montana State University main web page and the Gerontology Certificate Program webpage. All participants will be invited to a reception held on February 23rd to reveal the winners of the contest.
Sponsors reserve the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion.
By entering, entrants also agree (a) to be bound by these Official Rules; (b) that the decisions of the Judges are final and binding with respect to all matters relating to the Contest; and (c) if the entrant wins that the university may use the winning photographs and each winner’s name, photograph, likeness, and/or voice in any publicity or advertising relating to the Contest or future promotions without compensation or approval (except where prohibited by law).