DOUGLAS COUNTY MUSEUM

# 2026 General Rules and Regulations

1. All exhibitors must pay an Entry Fee of $5.00 to enter this contest to be paid by cash or check. Please make checks out to the Douglas County Museum.
2. Exhibitors are allowded two pictures in each category for their classification (up to a total of siz pictures allowed). Categories are: Color, Black & White, and our theme cateogry is “America 250th”. (Ideas for America 250th: what America means to you through people, families, community, agriculture, landscapes, historic places, local traditions, patriotic symbols, celebrations, service, or everyday life.) All photos for the contest in all categories MUST be taken of something or someone in Douglas County, Illinois. This includes anywhere in Arthur and Atwood as well!
3. Entries must be at least 8" x 10" and no larger than 16" x 20".
4. The Douglas County Museum has 8" x 10" frames to loan to interested participants. All other sized Entries must be framed and ready to hand, but matting is optional.
5. Submission for entries opens on October 12th, 2026, and MUST be turned in by November 9th, 2026, to the Douglas County Museum.
6. Entries will be judged during the following two weeks.
7. Winning Exhibitors will be notified by phone or mail that is listed on the entry form.
8. Entries will receive prizes on the Awards Day, November 21st. All judges' decisions are final.
9. Cash prizes will be presented in each category for all three classifications for 3rd place: $5.00; 2nd place: $10.00; 1st place: $20.00 and Best of Show will receive $50.00
10. Photos will remain on display until January 31st, 2027. You will be notified by phone when your pieces are ready for pick up. Photos not picked up by February 28, 2027 may be discarded.

*NOTE: Participants and their art may be photographed for educational, archival, and public relations purposes for the Douglas County Museum.*

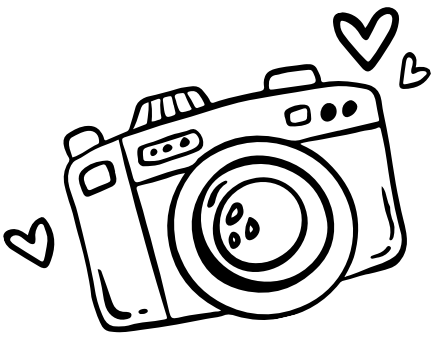
**I agree to hold the Douglas County Museum, its board, director, committee members, and volunteers harmless from any liability, loss, expense, or claim for injury or damages arising from my participation in this program.**

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

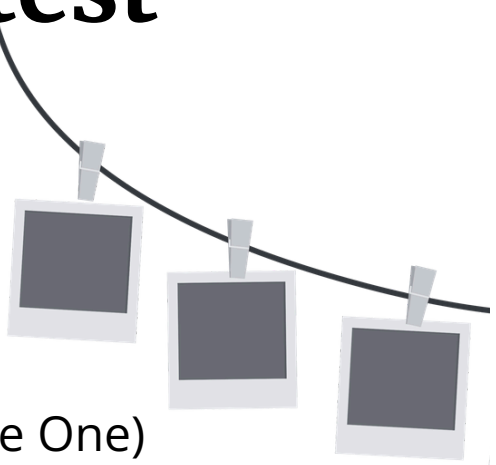
If you are under 18, please provide: Age: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/_____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

# 2026 Photo Contest Entry Form



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Classification: 5-11 / 12-17 / 18+ (Circle One)

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

| | Category | Title of Photograph |
|---|---|---|
| **1** | Color | |
| **2** | Color | |
| **1** | Black & White | |
| **2** | Black & White | |
| **1** | America 250th | |
| **2** | America 250th | |

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|---|---|
| Total Number of Entries | |
| Entry Fee | **$5.00** |

Submissions Open: October 12th
ENTRIES DUE: November 9th