

**NEOSHO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2019 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
ENTRY DEADLINE – JANUARY 18, 2019
RULES**

The Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce is looking for original, fun, striking and symbolic images of what **Neosho, Missouri** means to you! These images may reflect the wide variety of architecture, events, activities, seasons, people or places relevant to Neosho. Photos must be:

- Taken in Neosho, Missouri
- Be the original work of the entrant.
- Non-infringing of the rights of others.
- Respectful of the rights, sensitivities, and culture of persons depicted.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Photography Contest is open to everyone, no age requirements. All entrants complete and Contest Entry Form. If the entrant is a minor under 18 years of age, a legal guardian must complete the Minor Entry Permission Form.
- Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce Staff, Board of Directors and their immediate families can participate, but are not eligible to win grand prize awards. "Immediate family members" are those living in the same household.
- Entrants own the rights to their photos. By entering the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Photography Contest, you grant the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce a non-exclusive license to your photos. Photos may be used for the Chamber's print and digital publications, on the Chamber's website, to decorate the Chamber office, or in digital/print promotion of the Chamber. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer when possible, but no further compensation will be given.

WHAT TO ENTER:

- Entrants may submit up to a maximum of **5 photos**.
- Entries may originate in any format—including but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color prints, or black and white prints—so long as they are submitted electronically in a .jpeg or .jpg format, 300 dpi or higher.
- All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (cropping, spotting for dust, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast) will be disqualified. No digital manipulation allowed.
- Please be prepared to submit your original file in a higher resolution should an entry be selected to be awarded a prize or if requested by the judges or the Chamber.
- Entrants will provide a short caption for each photo (describe what we see and where it was taken in Neosho) included in the section on the Contest Entry Form.

NEOSHO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2019 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST LEGAL GUIDELINES

- You are entering this contest at your own risk. You must agree that, regardless of the outcome, you will not challenge the results of the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Photography Contest (the "Contest") or file any claims or suits against the Chamber, their affiliates, directors, officers, or employees, arising from the conduct of the Contest. You agree that the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce need not return to you any images you submit and that the Chamber may, in its sole discretion, terminate this contest without any liability to you. If the Chamber terminates the Contest before its completion, the Chamber agrees that it will not use your images for any purpose.
- You agree that the images you submit you are granting the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce a non-exclusive license to your photos ONLY for uses related to the contest. Entrants own the rights to their photos. By entering the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Photography Contest, you grant the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce a non-exclusive license to your photos. Photos may be used for the Chamber's print and digital publications, on the Chamber's website, to decorate the Chamber office, or in additional digital/print promotion of the Chamber. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer when possible, but no further compensation will be given.
- Although you are agreeing to allow the Chamber to use your images, you remain the owner of your images and may also use them in any manner you choose.
- You promise that you are at least 18 years of age; if you are a Minor under 18 years of age, you will submit the Minor Permission Entry Form that your guardian gives permission for your entry.
- You promise that the photographs you submit (a) are your own work; (b) do not (to your knowledge) infringe on the rights of any other person or business; (c) have not been previously published.
- You promise that persons depicted in the photographs (except outdoor crowd scenes) have given you permission for the use of their image in your photograph. We ask for this promise because we want you to be respectful of the persons you photograph and considerate of their sensitivities concerning the use of their image in your photograph.
- You promise that your photograph accurately reflects the subject matter and scene as it appeared, and that it has not been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, no digital manipulation).
- You agree that the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce does not need to pay you for your images, whether you win a prize or not.

ENTRY PERIOD: The Photography Contest begins at 12:00 p.m. on January 1, 2019, and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019. Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. Contest email address accepting photo submissions is the official time-keeping device for the Photo Contest.

PHOTO RELEASE FORMS: If identifiable individuals, buildings or personal property appear in a photo submission, the entrant must provide the signed appropriate **Photo Release Form** from each individual, business or personal property owner. If minors are in the photo, a signed consent form is required for each youth appearing the photo.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Photos will be judged for originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. Photos cannot be altered beyond standard optimization, cropping, color and contrast adjustments, etc. The judges will not know the name or of entrants in the initial round of judging. All judging decisions are final.

AWARDS: One (1) Grand Prize winner will receive \$25 in Chamberbucks. The Grand Prize Winner will also be featured on the cover of the 2019 map which is printed and distributed throughout the year. Honorable mention winners may also be chosen. Winners will be notified by February 1, 2019. Grand Prize winners and honorable mention winners may also be selected and printed as postcards to be sold in the Chamber office.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES: Submissions must be digital entries by e-mail at ashley@neoshocc.com or via photo CD mailed/hand delivered to 2019 Photography Contest, Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce, 216 W. Spring St., Neosho, MO 64850. All entries must be accompanied by the completed Contest Entry Form, and any Photography Release Forms received by January 18th at 4 p.m.

AGREEMENT: Photos submitted without the appropriate release forms will not be eligible for the contest or for publication. Participation in the contest implies acceptance of all contest rules, regardless of whether entrants sign a statement confirming acceptance. The Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any subject matter deemed unsuitable for publication.

QUESTIONS: Contact the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce at (417) 451-1925 or email your questions and inquiries about the photo contest to ashley@neoshocc.com.

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2019 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
RELEASE AND ENTRY FORM**

CONTEST DATES: Begins at 12:00 p.m. on January 1, 2019, and Ends at 4:00 p.m. on January 18, 2019.

Name: _____
 Street or PO Box Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Email: _____ Phone _____

Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs along with your name to be published as selected award winners in Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce publications. Photos may be used for the Chamber's print and digital publications, on the Chamber's website, to decorate the Chamber office or other publications at the discretion of the Chamber. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer when possible, but no further compensation will be given.

Please list below your digital entries by including your First and Last name along with the photo File Extension Number and a brief description of each image(s) (where taken, what it depicts, etc.) for your photos to be used for any Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce print or digital promotions/publications.

____ I have read and agree to the Rules for the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Photography Contest.

 Signature Printed Name Date

PHOTO FILE NUMBER (Example: FirstnameLastname001.jpg)	PHOTOGRAPH CAPTION (Example: When/Where taken, What it Depicts, etc.)
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**NEOSHO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2019 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
MINOR ENTRY – PERMISSION FORM & RELEASE**

I, the undersigned, do hereby give permission for the minor named below to enter the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce 2019 Photography Contest. I hereby release and discharge the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce from any and all claims arising out of use of the photos submitted.

I hereby authorize Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce, to publish photographs submitted in the 2019 Photography Contest, along with names of minor child or children listed below, and our names and likenesses, for use in the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce, print, online website or social media outlets and video-based marketing materials, as well as other Company publications.

I hereby release and hold harmless Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself and for the minor child and children listed below associated with the images specified above. Further, I attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child or children listed below and that I have full authority to consent and authorize the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce to use their likenesses and names.

I further acknowledge that participation is voluntary and that I, the minor child, or minor children will receive no financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in Chamber marketing materials or other Chamber publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I hereby release the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Chamber publications, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of the minor children listed below.

I understand the photos submitted may be used for print and online promotional purposes at the sole discretion of the Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce. Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs along with your name and state of residence to be published as selected award winners in Neosho Area Chamber of Commerce publications. Photos may be used for the Chamber's print and digital publications, on the Chamber's website, to decorate the Chamber office or other publications at the discretion of the Chamber. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer when possible, but no further compensation will be given.

I affirm I am of legal age, and able to contract for the minor in the above regard. I have read, understand and agree to the contest guidelines and the terms of this document.

Printed Name and age of any minor children pictured: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____