



2021 Coon Rapids Photography Contest Guidelines

June 1, 2021 - September 15, 2021

PHOTO CONTEST THEME: **Hometown Pride**

Who is eligible to participate?

- All members of the public may enter
- Amateur photographers only
- **NOT ELIGIBLE:** Coon Rapids employees and family, Arts Commission members and family, contest sponsors

How to enter:

Electronic Submissions

- Submit electronically to:

WEBSITE: Upload at coonrapidsmn.gov
FACEBOOK: Send a message to **City of Coon Rapids, MN - Local Government**
TWITTER: **@coonrapidsgov**
#CR2021photocontest
- Digital images should be shot with the highest resolution possible (minimum 2 megapixel camera)
- Acceptable formats: BMP, GIF, JPG, PDF, TIFF

Physical Submissions

- Submit either by mail or in person to:

Coon Rapids City Hall
ATTN: Coon Rapids Photo Contest
11155 Robinson Drive
Coon Rapids, MN 55433
- Physical photographs should be no smaller than 3 1/2" x 5" and no larger than 8" x 10" and be printed on photo paper

A complete entry form must accompany the photograph submitted. Only entry forms with complete, accurate, and legible information will be considered.

Photographs must be received no later than 4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Photograph guidelines:

- Photographs must follow the theme designation of Hometown Pride
- Photographs must not previously be published or entered in other contests
- Photographs must be taken within the city limits of Coon Rapids, MN in 2018 or later
- Photographs from all seasons are encouraged
- **NOT ACCEPTED:** slides, photocopies, framed/mounted/matted prints

Judging:

- Entries will be reviewed by the Coon Rapids Arts Commission in September.
- Photographs will be judged on the basis of creativity, photographic quality, and how an image expresses the participant's creative ideas.
- Winners will be judged in each age category. The two age categories include: 17 years and under and 18 years and over. There will be a prize given for the 1st and 2nd places in each age bracket. The winner will receive an award of appreciation along with a monetary award. Prizes for each category are:

1st Place — \$100
2nd Place — \$50
- All decisions are final, and judges reserve the right to disqualify any entrant. Prizes may not be awarded if no acceptable entries are received.

Rules and Regulations

- Limit one (1) entry per person per contest.
- Photographs with obscene content will not be considered.
- Manipulation of digital images should be limited to the kinds of manipulation that can be done with traditional printing techniques, such as changing saturation and contrast, burning-in and dodging, eliminating dust spots, etc. Images in which content has been altered (elements eliminated, added, re-arranged, photoshopped, etc) will not be accepted.

- It is the responsibility of the photographer to obtain permission rights if photographing individuals.
- Photographs/images become the property of the City of Coon Rapids once they have been submitted. No photographs/images will be returned.
- The City is not responsible for lost or misdirected entries.
- It is the responsibility of the participant to submit the entry image(s) in the appropriate age category.
- Winners in each category may have their photographs published on the City website, on CTN cable TV, and in the city newsletter, the Coon Rapids Connection.
- Winning entries may be used for promotional and advertising efforts in City communications.