

UIRA Travel Photo Contest

Contest Sponsor: University of Iowa Retirees Association (UIRA) and Hills Bank and Trust Co.

Eligibility: Only current members of UIRA are eligible, including UIRA officers. Individuals directly involved in managing contest are not eligible.

Entry Fee: None.

Photo Categories: There are three categories of travel photos, all locational:

Iowa—photos taken in the state of Iowa

United States—photos taken in the United States but outside Iowa

International—photos taken outside of the United States

When submitting photos, please designate in which category the photo is to be considered. ■ There is no restriction on the content of photos. They may involve, people, places, nature, things, etc.

How to Enter: Photographs must be submitted in digital format. Only online entries will be eligible. No print or film submissions will be accepted. ■ Photos need not be taken with a digital camera; scans of negatives, transparencies, or photographic prints are acceptable. ■ All digital files should be 5 megabytes or smaller and must be in JPEG or JPG format. ■ Photos will not be accepted through US Postal mail. ■ Photos may be cropped. Digitally enhanced or altered photos will not be accepted. But minor adjustments, including spotting, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast and slight color adjustment or the digital equivalents, are acceptable. ■ Once a photo is uploaded to the contest site, it is considered a final submission and may not be modified or edited or replaced. ■ Entrants may submit up to three photos in one or more of the three travel categories. Thus, a person may submit up to but no more than a total of nine (9) photos in the contest—three (3) in each of the three categories. Of course, a person may submit fewer photos than the maximum allowed.

Entry Timeline: Photographs must have been taken within two (2) years before the date of entry. ■ The contest entry deadline each year is January 31. A person may submit no more than a total of nine photos each contest.

Submitting Photos: Photos should be sent via email to:

uira.photo.contest@gmail.com

■ When submitting photos, an entrant must include (1) his/her name, (2) email address, (3) number of photos submitted, (4) category in which each photo is to be judged and (4) brief captions for each photo (or group of photos). While brief, captions should be complete and accurate and describe the contents of the photos. ■ Disguising or misrepresenting the origin of content is cause for disqualification.

Judging and Criteria: Judging will be done by a professional photographer not associated with the UIRA. There are three criteria:

Originality—Each photo must be original, that is, the work of the entrant.

Creativity—Creative photos will diverge from traditional methods of presenting ideas and messages, due perhaps to an unexpected angle or focus on a detail usually ignored.

Photo Quality—High-quality photos are well composed with a clear focal point. Unless special effects are intended, photos should not be blurry or overly dark or light.

Winners & Prizes: First, second and third prizewinners will be selected in each category. To honor as many entrants as possible, an individual photographer will be recognized only once among the nine 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizewinners across the three categories. Winners will be announced in April of each year. ■ Winning photos will be posted each year at the UIRA website. ■ In addition, each winner will receive a prize to be announced.

Liabilities and Rights: Entrants retain ownership of and all copyright and other intellectual property rights for their photos. ■ For a photo in which a person is recognizable, a written release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian, should be obtained but not presented at the time of submission. ■ By entering the contest, entrants acknowledge that submitted photos are original works created solely by the entrant, that the photograph does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim, or interest in the photograph. ■ The UIRA assumes no liability or responsibility for any loss or harm resulting from any user's participation in or attempt to participate in the contest or ability or inability to upload, download or otherwise access any information in connection with the contest.

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