



# **FOCUS** on Cecil County Photography Contest

## **OFFICIAL RULES** (please read before entering)

Open to all ages and levels of photography experience.

### **Photo Eligibility and Format:**

- Open to photos of any style that feature Cecil County, Maryland as subject matter or setting taken any time of the year.
- Entries must be unpublished, original photographs, submitted by the photographer.
- One photograph per entry, per person for the contest.
- Contestant must submit one digital copy (300 dpi) and one (8 x 10) color or black and white photo to enter the contest.
- Print must be on photo paper and digital copy on a disk or send via email to [vrinkerman@ccgov.org](mailto:vrinkerman@ccgov.org)
- Do not write on the front or back of the photo. Write the title of your photograph and your name on a label and place the label on the back of the photograph.
- Photo entries will not be returned. Please do not send your only copy.
- Cecil County Government reserves the right to disqualify or refuse to use a significantly modified photo or a photo that appears unnatural. Cecil County Government retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content.
- Entries that fail to comply with the contest rules will be disqualified.

### **How to Enter:**

- All contestants **must complete and submit** the required entry form with a digital copy (300 dpi) and one (8 x 10) color or black and white photo. (digital copy can be emailed to [vrinkerman@ccgov.org](mailto:vrinkerman@ccgov.org)). Photos sent without an entry form will be disqualified from the competition.
- Contestants must submit a signed model release form for photos with recognizable people or it will be disqualified from the competition.

- Entries must be postmarked or hand delivered to the Commissioners' Office by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2012. Mailing address: County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Suite 2100, Elkton, MD 21921 ATTN: Vicky Rinkerman
- By participating in the contest, the contestants/photographers agree to grant Cecil County Government permission to publish all entries in media publications, website/internet publications, and/or other promotional materials without permission, any fee, or other form of compensation paid to the contestant/photographer. Photographer retains all rights to his/her photo.

**Judging:**

Photos will be judged by a committee based on creativity, photographic quality and effectiveness in conveying the beauty and unique character of Cecil County. Photo contest entries will be displayed in the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton from March 12, 2012 through April 24, 2012. Photo contest winners will be announced at a reception on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton. Contestants will be sent an invitation for the reception. The winning photograph in each category will be framed and displayed in the County Administration Building.

**Awards:**

**Amateur Adult** (14 years and older)

**Amateur Photography Award:** 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$30, 3rd place \$20, plus certificate and publication on the Cecil County website and/or other advertising media.

**Amateur Youth** (under 14 years of age)

**Amateur Youth Award:** 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$30, 3rd place \$20, plus certificate and publication on the Cecil County website and/or other advertising media.

**Professional** – anyone who earns income (other than prize money) from his/her photography

**Professional Award:** 1st place \$50, 2nd place \$30, 3rd place \$20, plus certificate and publication on the Cecil County website and/or other advertising media.