

“Images of Nebraska” Photo Contest

Rules and Regulations

Sponsoring Organization/s: Chase County Community Hospital and the Chase County Hospital Foundation (known as the Sponsoring Agencies from this point forward)

Eligibility: The contest is open to all amateur photographers. (For purposes of this contest, a person receiving 50% or more of their annual income from photography will be considered a professional and should not submit photos)

Entry Period: Photos may be submitted beginning July 1st, 2017. All photos must be received no later than 5:00 PM on July 31st, 2017.

Divisions and Categories: All photos must be taken in Nebraska and relate to one of the following categories: Agriculture, Wildlife, Landmarks, Architecture, Landscapes or Scenery. Contest divisions:

- 1) Nebraska Division (Photos from anywhere in Nebraska)
- 2) Chase County Division (Photos from Chase County Only)
- 3) Vintage Division (Photos that are 40 years old or older (prior to 1970))
- 4) Kids (Youth 12 and under)

Specific Rules:

- 1) **All photos must be taken in Nebraska.** The photographer does not need to be from Nebraska but the photo must be of Nebraska subject matter.
- 2) **Number of Submissions:** You may submit as many photographs as you wish; however, you must complete a separate submission form for each photograph you wish to enter. Also, a photograph can only be entered in one division. Example: You cannot enter a photo taken in Chase County in both the Nebraska and the Chase County division. You must choose one or the other division.
- 3) **Photograph Format:** Photographs may be submitted in digital format and must be in JPEG format (as .jpg files) and should be at least 1MB but shall not exceed 5MB. You must submit the actual image file, not a link or other type of file. If an image file is not readable, the entry will be disqualified. Electronic files submitted to the Images of Nebraska Photo Contest will not be returned and may be retained by the sponsoring agencies after the completion of the contest.
- 4) **Must be Your Photograph:** By entering, you warrant that the photograph that you submit is original and is your own, and does not infringe on the rights of any third party. You further warrant that your participation in this photo contest does not violate any agreement between you and a third party.
- 5) **Rights to Use Photographs:** By entering the photo contest, you grant the sponsoring agencies the non-exclusive right to publish, use, distribute, reproduce and publicly display your photograph, and to create derivative works from your photograph, in perpetuity, in any of its on-line, print or other media publications, materials or exhibitions, for purposes of promoting sponsoring agencies' mission and awareness of their programs, including but not limited to for editorial, advertising, publicity, and fundraising purposes, without payment of compensation unless prohibited by law. You grant the sponsoring agencies permission to provide your name, and your city and state of residence, when publishing, reproducing or otherwise using your photo and when identifying you as an entrant or prize winner in the photo contest. While sponsoring agencies will make every effort to credit photographers when using photos, there may be circumstances where it is not possible to do so. Subject to the rights granted to sponsoring agencies, you retain all other copyrights and rights to future use of the photographs you enter into the contest.
- 6) **Permission to Use Photographs That Include Recognizable People:** If your photograph(s) include a recognizable person or people, you must secure permission from each person (or in the case of a minor, the minor's parent or guardian) to use his/her image in the photo contest, and present it to the sponsoring

agency when photograph is submitted, if requested. The sponsoring agencies reserve the right to disqualify an entry if it finds, in its sole discretion, that an entrant has not secured a necessary release. A sample release can be found on page 4 of these rules.

Judging Criteria:

After the close of the entry period, eligible photographs will be judged based on three (3) criteria and assigned a score of up to a maximum of 30 points. The three criteria, which will be weighted equally, are: visual appeal and composition (maximum 10 points); degree to which photograph relates to category it is entered in (maximum 10 points); and originality and creativity (maximum 10 points).

Preliminary judging and scoring will be done by a panel of judges selected by the sponsoring agencies.

The decisions of the judges are final and binding.

Awards:

On or about August 8th, 2017 the sponsoring agencies shall notify each prize winner of his or her selection. Notification shall be by e-mail and/or telephone. A first and second place will be selected in each division. One overall Grand Champion and one Overall Reserve Champion will be selected from the first and second place finishers in each division. Winning photos will be printed, framed and displayed during the year at the Chase County Community Hospital and Imperial and Wauneta clinics. First place in each division not chosen as grand or reserve champion will win \$50. The Overall Reserve Champion will receive \$75 and the Overall Grand Champion will receive \$100.

Rules and entry forms are available a www.chasecountyhospital.com. You may also pickup entry forms at the hospital or both clinics or call Deb Hrcka at 308-882-7290.

LEGAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:

This photo contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

As an entrant in this photo contest, it is your responsibility to determine that you are eligible to enter and to comply with the entry instructions and other photo contest rules set forth herein. Any violation of the contest rules may result in your disqualification.

HOW TO ENTER:

Entries for the Images of Nebraska may be submitted in the following ways:

- 1) Email photo as a jpeg file to photos@chasecountyhospital.com. When sending file by email, please include the following information: Your name, mailing address, phone number, email and division your photo is to be entered in or mail in the official entry form below.
- 2) For Photos Already Printed: We will scan photos that are not in digital format so owner can keep the original photo. Bring the photo to be scanned along with entry form below to the Chase County Community Hospital. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE AND ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH Deb Hrcka - 308-882-7290.

For further information, please contact Deb Hrcka at 308-882-7290 or email her at dhrccka@chasecountyhospital.com.

Images of Nebraska Entry Form
(All Photos Submitted Must Have a Separate Entry Form)

Title or Description of Photo Being Submitted: _____

Please mark the correct division of photo submitted: Photos are to relate to the following categories: Agriculture, Wildlife, Landmarks, Architecture, Landscapes or Scenery. **Please note: A photo can only be entered in one division. Example, if your photo is from Chase County, while that photo is a Nebraska photo, you must choose whether to enter it in the Nebraska Division or the Chase County Division. It cannot be entered in both.**

_____ **Nebraska Division** (Pictures from anywhere in Nebraska)

_____ **Chase County Division** (Pictures from Chase County, Nebraska only)

_____ **Vintage Division** (Photos that are 40 years old or older (prior to 1970))

_____ **Youth Division (Youths 12 and under)**

Name of Person Submitting the Photo: _____

Age as of Dec 31, 2017: (Youth Division Only) _____

Mailing Address: _____
(P.O. Box, Apartment, Rural Address)

Phone#: _____ **Email (if available)** _____
(Area Code) Number

Signature of Person Submitting Photo: _____

Notes:

- 1) If emailing a jpeg file of your photo to photos@chasecountyhospital.com, download this form, complete the above information and email with photo or mail this form to Deb Hrcka, P.O. Box 819, Imperial, NE 69033.
- 2) If you are bringing your photo to the hospital, either in digital or printed form, please bring this form along with you. Please set up an appointment to do this by contacting Deb Hrcka at 308-882-7290 or email dhcrcka@chasecountyhospital.com.

Chase County Community Hospital is located at 600 W 12th Street, Imperial, NE 69033

Images of Nebraska Photography Contest Photo Release Form

Chase County Community Hospital and the Chase County Hospital Foundation in an effort to better protect the right to privacy of individuals, needs from you a form signed by anyone who appears in a photo you provide for purposes of the Images of Nebraska Photography Contest. This signature allows the Chase County Community Hospital and the Chase County Hospital Foundation reproduce photographic images in its publications and on its websites.

Chase County Community Hospital and the Chase County Hospital Foundation also needs, in order to protect the intellectual property rights of the photographer, his or her permission to reproduce the photograph. If you are sending a batch of photos by the same photographer, of the same person/group, one form will cover all the images.

Please ensure when you send photos that the following form has been completed and sent by fax, mail or hand delivered to:

Deb Hrcka
Chase County Hospital Foundation
P.O. Box 819
600 W 12th Street
Imperial, NE 69033

Telephone: 308-882-7290

Email: dhrccka@chasecountyhospital.com

Photos cannot be used unless signed forms have been received.

Title or Description of Photograph:

Printed/typed name/s of individuals in photograph: _____	Corresponding signatures of individual (or guardian if individual is under 18 years of age) _____	Date _____
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Name of Photographer Submitting Photo: _____ Date: _____

I hereby submit that names and required signatures in related photo are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed (Name of Photographer) _____ Date: _____