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CLS Photo Contest Rules

Eligibility

Contest is open to CLS Members only, except those who are a professional photographer or a member of the CLS Council

Entry fee

There is no entry fee

Photos

Not previously published

Photo is original work, created solely by the submitter

Original photos only—no screen captures

No logos, watermarks or copyrights

Photos may be in color or Black & White

Digital photos only. Allowed filetypes: jpg, jpeg, gif- & png

Photo filesize limit is 8 MB

Portrait orientation: minimum of 1600 pixels vertical

Landscape orientation: minimum of 1600 pixels horizontal

Avoid photos with excessive differences between the height and width (e.g. wide but short or tall but narrow)

Standard photo optimization is OK, such as cropping, brightness, contrast & color correction. No AI or Photoshop generated or assisted photos

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2026

Submission

A maximum of 5 photos may be submitted by a single photographer

The entry form can be found at:

www.marist.edu/extended-learning/cls/special-events

Use one entry form per photo submission

Once your entry form is submitted and accepted, you'll be provided with instructions for submitting your photo entry via email attachment

Categories

See the next page for a brief description of the following categories

- ◇ Landscape and Architecture
- ◇ Nature
- ◇ Mid-Hudson Valley

Judging

The panel of judges is selected by the CLS VP of Public Information

Winners will be selected and informed no later than June 30, 2026

There will be one winner per category; if there are no winners in a category, another category may have more than one winner

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Judging decisions will be based on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit.

The contest may be cancelled or suspended for any reason

The decision of the judges is final

Prizes

The winner in each category will receive a professionally framed enlargement of their winning entry.

Honorable mentions may be awarded at the discretion of the judges

One prize per person

Prizes will be awarded at the Fall Convocation in early September

People in Photo

A signed release from any recognizable people in your photo is required, and you must be able to provide copies of those releases to CLS upon request. A sample release form is [HERE](#)

Rights

By entering the photo contest, you hereby grant to CLS and Marist University (i) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the photo(s), in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later

developed, for any purpose; and (ii) the right to use your name, city, state, and country of residence in such publications. This includes the right to use your photos on website(s), in print and electronic advertisements and promotions, and in saleable merchandise. Any photograph reproduced will be credited, as feasible, to the photographer.

Rules

The rules are subject to change without notice.

Cancellation

The contest may be cancelled at any time, for any reason, at the sole discretion of the judges.

Category Descriptions

Landscape and Architecture

Images where outdoor scenery, natural or man-made, is the main emphasis to capture the beauty, atmosphere, or scale of a place

Nature

Animals and plants that inspire awe and marvel at the beauty of the natural world

Mid-Hudson Valley

Scenes of/in the Mid-Hudson Valley that convey a sense of place.

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