



## 2024 MANDAN PHOTO CONTEST

*A partnership of the Mandan Tomorrow – Leadership, Pride and Image Committee, Mandan Progress Organization, & City of Mandan Business Development & Communications Department*

January 24, 2024 — The Mandan Photo Contest is an opportunity for photographers of all ages and abilities to capture what is special about the community and enter their best images of Mandan and surrounding areas in Morton County. Photos can represent community life, recreation, arts, history, culture, or anything that embodies the spirit of Mandan. The primary purpose is to showcase Mandan and surrounding areas in Morton County as great places to live, work, do business and visit. The contest is open through December 31, 2024.

### Contest Rules

#### Eligibility:

The contest is open to all photographers. Contest entrants under age 18 must have parental or guardian permission to participate. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Each photographer is limited to 5 entries in total and no more than 2 per category.

#### Categories:

**Location parameters** — taken in or featuring locations in Mandan or a 15-mile-radius in Morton County. The Morton County category is for more distant locations.

- 1. Opportunity** — Businesses, commercial districts, entrepreneurship, commerce, manufacturing, processing, shopping, dining and nightlife; business owner, employee and consumer interactions.
- 2. Community** — Area landmarks and scenery including roadways, overlooks, streetscapes, public art, distinctive buildings, facilities and structures, rivers and bridges and other recognizable places to visit; citizens and visitors interacting in these places; neighborhoods, homes and fun with family, friends and pets; volunteerism.
- 3. Achievement** — Accomplishments and good deeds by residents, organizations and other entities involving education; participation in sports, visual and performing arts, and other extracurricular activities; other awards, recognition and milestones.
- 4. Fun** — Tourist attractions including parks, museums and more; outdoor destinations and recreation such as hiking, biking, fishing, trail use, camping, horseback riding, kayaking, boating, sledding, skiing, snowboarding; sports competitions and activities; indoor recreation like bowling, arcade games, swimming and more; festivals and events.
- 5. County** — Special features in Morton County but more than 15 miles from Mandan; examples include the fair, park and recreational activities, life and events in communities of Almont, Flasher, Glen Ullin, Hebron, New Salem, and St. Anthony.

#### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Include people, ideally facing the camera (avoid backsides).
- Include a recognizable element unique to Mandan and the surrounding area in landscapes.

- **Best In Show** voted on by Photo Contest Judges
- **People's Choice** voted on by Public

**Divisions:**

1. **Open** — All ages
2. **Youth** — Entrants age 17 and younger may self-identify on entry form to be considered for a special youth award.

**General Parameters**

1. **Timeframe** — Photos must have been taken within last three years (2022, 2023, 2024).
2. **Color** — Only color photographs will be considered.
3. **Orientation** — Preference is for photos to be landscape or horizontal. Vertical is also acceptable.
4. **Size & Resolution** — Landscape/Horizontal photos must be at least 10"x8" at 300 dpi or 2400x3000 pixels. Vertical photos must be 8"x10" at 300 dpi or 3000x2400 pixels.

**COMMON REASONS FOR  
DISQUALIFICATION**

- Location beyond geographical boundaries.
- Black & white rather than color.
- Too low in resolution.

5. **Rights To Use**
  - a. Submission of the photo entry is the entrant's guarantee as to the photographer and copyright holder of the photo with rights to distribute the image.
  - b. You must have the consent of those, or the guardians of minors, whose faces are visible in the image and be able to provide proof of consent via signed waiver.
  - c. Entrants agree to grant the City of Mandan, Morton County, Mandan Progress Organization, Mandan Parks and Recreation District, Mandan School District, North Dakota Department of Commerce - Tourism Division, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and Bismarck-Mandan CVB royalty-free rights and license to use, copy, publicly display, publish or distribute images offline and online. Credit will be given to the photographer of the image as space allows.

**How to Enter:**

**Online**

1. Upload photos to:  
<https://forms.gle/La6mYbCtHE9miqxy9>
2. Information about photo must include:
  - a. Title of the photo
  - b. Location where photo was taken
  - c. Date photo was taken
  - d. Contest category as listed above (more than one category may apply)
  - e. Why photo was taken

2. Photos need to be submitted on CD or USB flash drive.
3. The following information must be included with the CD or USB drive:
  - a. Photographers name
  - b. Photographers division
  - c. Address
  - d. Telephone number
  - e. Email address
  - f. Title of photo
  - g. Location of where the photo was taken
  - h. Date photo was taken
  - i. Contest category and age division

**Mail-In**

1. Photo submissions must be **received** by 11:59 p.m. CST on Dec. 31, 2024.

- j. Why photo was taken
- 4. Multiple entries may be in one mailing.
- 5. We cannot guarantee photos will be returned.
- 6. Include completed mail-in entry form and send to: Mandan Progress Organization, 411 W Main St, Mandan ND 58554

**Winners:**

Depending on number of entries and quality of photos in each category, the Mandan Photo Contest Committee will select up to 5 photos per category to submit to a judging panel. The committee reserves the right to combine or eliminate any category due to insufficient entries.

Photos will be judged by a panel of local community members and leaders.

Photos will be judged on the following:

- 1. Ability to showcase Mandan and Morton County for purposes of resident, business, and visitor attraction and retention.
- 2. Originality
- 3. Interest of subject matter
- 4. Visual appeal and consistency with category theme

Judges will select one winner in each category and one overall youth winner. A people's choice winner will be determined by the public through an online voting platform set to open in January 2025. Prizes will be awarded to the photographer of each selected photo.

Winning entries will be announced by Feb. 7, 2025.

Photographs may be used in the City of Mandan, Morton County, Mandan Progress Organization, Mandan Parks and Recreation District, Mandan School District, North Dakota Department of Commerce - Tourism Division, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and Bismarck-Mandan CVB publications and social media channels.

Winning photographs will be displayed at a public location in Mandan.