

16th Annual Photo Contest

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2026 Photo Contest Rules and Information



Two Entry Divisions: Amateur and Advanced

Advanced Division Criteria:

- 1) *Photographer has received income from photographic endeavors, including publication.*
- 2) *Photographer has a website or social media presence promoting their photography, photography sales and/or photography services such as weddings and portraits.*
- 3) *Photographer watermarks their photos.*

An **application** must accompany each photo. The application form is available at <https://www.samhoustonmemorialmuseum.com/events/museum-photo-contest-exhibit>

Entries (photos and applications) must be received by the museum **no later than 4:30 pm on Wednesday, 28 October 2026*** by mail or dropped off at any museum entrance (Memorial Museum, museum store, or Walker Education Center).

Entry Fee: 5.00 cash for each photo entry, due with entry(ies) at time of submission(s).

Photographers may enter as many of the nine categories in their division as they wish. However, no more than 2 photos may be submitted per category.

No signed or dated photos will be accepted. Photos are not to be matted, framed, or an alternate size. ALL PHOTOS MUST BE 8x10. No other size will be accepted. We suggest that you lightly write your name on the back of each photo at the top to determine orientation. Photos without names waive the right to request change if improperly installed.

Photographs must be suitable for public viewing. The museum reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Black and white photographs may be entered in any category. Post-processing is allowed.

By submitting your photo, you give permission to allow the museum to use it in any advertising or social media post. Image credit will be given to the photographer.

Photos will be installed in the Walker Education Center gallery and exhibited to the public from **5 November through 20 December 2026***. All photos become museum property for the duration of the exhibit.

Advanced entries will be displayed and judged separately from amateur entries.

Winners will be chosen by an odd-numbered panel in a private judging session. Winners will not be notified prior to the Artists Reception and need not be present to win. Cash prizes and gifts will be presented to contest winners. The reception and awards will be held in the gallery of the Katy and E. Don Walker, Sr. Education Center.

After the exhibit closes, contestants will be notified when photos will be ready for pickup for those who wish to have them back. After that date, unclaimed photos will be disposed of by the Exhibits Curator.

Categories	Questions or Information	Artist Reception & Awards
Sam Houston Museum and Grounds, Action, Animals, Architecture, Cuisine/Food, Fashion, Floral, Portrait, America250	Tod Lawlis Curator of Exhibits tal062@shsu.edu	Thursday, 5 November 2026 5:00 – 6:30 pm Awards: 5:30 pm

* Dates are subject to change.

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