

"Foto Ameryka" - Photo Contest for Summer Work Travel Work Program Alumni

Official Photo Contest Rules

THE CONTEST IS OPEN TO POLISH CITIZENS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE "SUMMER WORK TRAVEL PROGRAM" IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2011 OR 2012

THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE

I. Contest Sponsor:

The "**Foto Ameryka**" Photo Contest is organized by the U.S. Consulate General Krakow.

II. How to Enter:

Submit an original still photograph that showcases the natural environment, culture, people, or places of the United States that was taken by you while you were in the United States as a participant in the "Summer Work Travel Program" in 2011 or 2012. Contestants may submit as many as three photographs.

- a. **Photo Submission:** Photos must be submitted in digital format by email to: konsulat.konkursy@gmail.com. Photos must be accompanied by a TITLE, DESCRIPTION, AND LOCATION OF THE PHOTO, AND DATE THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN (MONTH AND YEAR). Contestants must also confirm their participation in the Summer Work Travel Program in 2011 or 2012. Technical requirements for photographs: jpg format, 150-200 dpi, 40x60 cm, color scheme: RGB or SRGB.
- b. **Retouching of Photos:** The submitted contest photograph(s) cannot be significantly retouched: nothing in the photographs (people, animals, scenery, objects, etc.) may be altered, removed, augmented or rearranged. Cropping is permitted, as is modest darkening or lightening of parts of the image.

III. Content Requirements:

Photo Submissions must be original photos created by the Contestant and must not contain any elements that are protected by someone else's copyright or otherwise subject to third party proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights.

By submitting a photo to the Contest, the Contestant affirms that he or she has obtained written consent from all individuals whose image or likeness appears in the photo or from the individuals' parent/legal guardian if any such individuals are minors.

By submitting their photo(s) to the Contest, the Contestants affirm that they accept the terms of these Official Photo Contest Rules.

IV. Eligibility and Dates:

1. Contestants must be Polish citizens who participated in the "Summer Work Travel Program" in the United States in 2011 or 2012.
2. The Contest commences at 12:00 on November 28, 2012 and closes at 12:00 on February 1, 2013.
3. The person submitting the photo will be considered the Contestant and will be the only person eligible to compete for the prize. In order to be eligible to win the prize, you must provide accurate and complete information as stated in Section II of the Official Photo Contest Rules.
4. The following individuals are not eligible to enter the Contest: Employees, directors and officers of: the Contest Sponsor, the U.S. government, or contractors of the U.S. government; and the immediate family members (defined as spouse, recognized partner, parent, child, sibling and spouse or "step" of each) and those living in the same households of each such individual.

V. Selection of Winners:

All photos will be screened by the Contest Sponsor to ensure compliance with these Official Contest Rules. An independent jury comprised by the Contest Sponsor will evaluate the submissions to select one grand prize winner, one second place winner, one third place winner, three honorable mention prize winners, and up to 30 finalists.

Criteria for judging the photos include but are not limited to the: Relevance to contest title, originality, creativity, effectiveness, and photo quality.

Finalists and prize winners will be announced and posted on the website and Facebook page of the U.S. Consulate General Krakow. Prize winning photographs and other submissions may be used by the Contest Sponsor in a photography exhibit to be shown in venues selected by the Sponsor for an unlimited period of time; included in printed publications of the U.S. Consulate General in Krakow, and on the U.S. Consulate General in Krakow's websites (Polish and English) and social media platforms.

Authors of the photos may be publicly identified by name at the discretion of the Contest Sponsor.

VI. Prizes:

1st Prize: iPad Apple 64GB WiFi 3G/4G

2nd Prize: Kindle Fire HD 7" Tablet

3rd Prize: Kindle Fire HD 7" Tablet

3 Honorable Mentions Prizes: Apple MP3 iPod Shuffle

VII. Liabilities and Rights:

1. The Contest Organizers do not necessarily endorse any particular photo, messages, or advice expressed therein, and the Contest Organizers expressly disclaim any and all liability in connection with the submitted photos, including disputes between collaborators related to a Photo Submission.
2. This Contest and its Organizers do not permit copyright infringing activities or infringement of any other intellectual property rights, and Contest Organizers reserve the right to remove and disqualify any submission they deem to be in violation of another party's copyright or other intellectual property rights.
3. You agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Contest Organizers and other affiliated companies from and against any and all claims, damages, obligations, losses, liabilities, costs or debt, and expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees) arising from: (i) your violation of these Official Contest Rules; (ii) your violation of any third party right, including without limitation any copyright, trademark, intellectual property, privacy, publicity or other proprietary right in connection with the Contest; or (iii) any claim that your Photo Submissions caused damage to a third party. This defense and indemnification obligation will survive indefinitely beyond the conclusion of the Contest and your use of the Contest.
4. The conduct and judging for the Contest will be carried out in full compliance with applicable U.S. laws.
5. Contestants retain ownership of their photos. However, by submitting a photo to the Contest, Contestants grant Contest Organizers, participating organizations, and Platform Partner, with proper attribution through whatever means they deem appropriate, a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, sub-licensable and transferable license to use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of, and/or display the Photo Submission, in any media formats and through any media channels in perpetuity in connection with the activities and operations of the Contest.
6. Contest Sponsors reserve the right to modify, suspend, terminate or cancel the Contest, as appropriate, including due to any other reason beyond the control of the Contest Sponsors.