Sunny America, Sunny Poland

Facebook Photo Contest for Alumni of USG Sponsored Exchange Programs

RULES

Terms:

1. The term "Contest" refers to the “Sunny America, Sunny Poland” Contest.
2. The "Contestant" is the user who submits a photo/photos.
3. A "Photo" is any eligible photo accompanied by the name of the contestant’s exchange program, its date, as well as a caption or a comment, e-mailed to USGAlumni@state.gov no later than 23:59:59 CET December 18, 2013.
4. The term “Alumni” means alumni of U.S. government sponsored exchange programs such as Fulbright, Ron Brown Fellowship Program, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program, International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), Voluntary Visitors (VOLVIS), U.S.-Polish Youth Exchange, Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellows Initiative, Study of U.S. Institutes (SUSI), Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA), Teacher Holocaust Training, FORTUNE/State Women Leaders Partnership, Sports Exchanges, and other programs sponsored by Department of State or other agencies of the U.S. government.

Eligibility:

1. Contestant must be at least 16 years old at the start of the contest.
2. Contestant must be a citizen of Poland.
3. Contestant must be an alumnus / alumna of a U.S. government sponsored exchange program and be prepared to present a relevant certificate in case of need of verification.
4. To become a registered user of Facebook, individuals must register for an account and agree to the Facebook "terms of use" set forth at https://www.facebook.com/terms.php.
5. To become a member of the Stowarzyszenie Alumni group, the contestant must go to http://www.facebook.com/groups/428980525391/, click “Join Group” in the right upper corner and wait for the group administrator to accept him/her in the group.
6. There is no fee or charge to become a registered user.
7. Only photos with a title of the contestant’s exchange program, its date, as well as a caption or a comment will be deemed eligible. Captions to photos must be no longer than 5 sentences.
8. Photos must be submitted in the JPG format and be no larger than 1 MB to be eligible.
9. The following individuals are not eligible to enter the contest: employees, directors and officers of the contest sponsors, the U.S. government, as well as contractors of the U.S. government; distribution, web design, advertising, fulfillment, judging and contest agencies involved in the administration, development, fulfillment and execution of this contest (collectively, "contest parties"), and the immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling and spouse or "step" of each) and those living in the same households of each such individual.
10. No entry fee is necessary to participate or win in the contest. The contest is void where prohibited by law, regulation, statute or other appropriate authority.

General Requirements:

1. Contestants are asked to send 2 photos: one taken in the USA and other in Poland. Both photos should be "sunny". The photos from the USA need not to be from the contestant's stay in the USA on their exchange program. The photos may use any narrative and technical style. Preference will be given to photos capturing America and Poland in an original and interesting way.
2. Contestant may submit up to 2 photos with captions.
3. By submitting photo(s) in the contest, the contestant agrees that U.S. Embassy Warsaw can publish it along with its caption(s) in the Stowarzyszenie Alumni group on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/428980525391/); on the U.S. Embassy Warsaw official website http://poland.usembassy.gov; and its Facebook fanpage http://facebook.com/USEMBASSYWARSAW. U.S. Embassy Warsaw will also have a right to print, exhibit photos as well as distribute winning photos to media.
4. Photos and captions must not contain profanity, explicit sexual material, graphic violence, and appeals to violence or commercial promotion. They must adhere to the norms of civil discourse and should not contain material that might be considered abusive, inflammatory, or disrespectful to other groups or individuals.

Liabilities and Rights:

1. U.S. Embassy Warsaw does not permit copyright infringing activities or infringement of any other intellectual property rights and reserves the right to remove any photo in violation of another party's copyright or other intellectual property rights.
2. The contestant assumes sole responsibility for the material contained in the photo.
3. Contestants retain ownership of their photos. However, by submitting a photo to the contest, contestants grant U.S. Embassy a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty free, sub-licensable and transferable license to use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of, and display photos in any media formats and through any media channels in perpetuity in connection with the contest.

Judging and Prizes

1. A jury consisting of representatives of U.S. Embassy Warsaw will choose the winning photos. Authors of the best 3 photos will be awarded the Kindle e-reader and Lonely Planet guide "USA's Best Trips". Authors of the next 3 best photos will be awarded the photo album "American Photography" and Lonely Planet guide "USA's Best Trips". authors of the next 4 best photos will be awarded consolations prizes: mugs with the U.S. flag. U.S. Embassy Warsaw has sole discretion over the criteria for which the winning photos will be chosen.
2. The winners will be announced by January 4, 2013 in the Stowarzyszenie Alumni group on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/428980525391/).

Privacy:

Winners of the contest may be publicly identified by name. Beyond the identification of the winners no personally identifiable information will be sold or distributed to any third party for any other purpose.

General Terms and Conditions:

If for any reason the contest is not capable of running as planned, including without limitation, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the contest, U.S. Embassy Warsaw reserves the right, at their sole and absolute discretion to cancel, modify or terminate the contest. Further U.S. Embassy Warsaw reserves the right, at any time and in their sole and absolute discretion, to disqualify and/or deem ineligible any individual they suspect (a) to have failed to agree to the Official Rules or to be violating the Official Rules; (b) to be violating the

Facebook Terms of Service, or (c) to be acting in a bad faith, unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person. U.S. Embassy Warsaw reserves the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, to disregard such individual's entry in this contest.

Limitations of Liability and Release:

U.S. Embassy Warsaw assumes no liability or responsibility for any loss or harm resulting from any user's participation in or attempt to participate in the contest or ability or inability to upload or download any information in connection with participating in the contest. U.S. Embassy Warsaw assumes no responsibility or liability for technical problems or technical malfunction arising in connection with any of the following occurrences which may affect the operation of the contest: hardware or software errors; faulty computer, telephone, cable, satellite, network, electronic, wireless, or Internet connectivity or other online communication problems; errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts, or providers; garbled, jumbled, or faulty data transmissions; failure of any email transmissions to be sent or received; lost, late, delayed, or intercepted email transmissions; inaccessibility of the contest site in whole or in part for any reason; traffic congestion on the Internet or the contest site; unauthorized human or nonhuman intervention of the operation of the contest, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, worms; destruction of any aspect of the contest; or loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility, or unavailability of an email account used in connection with the contest. U.S. Embassy Warsaw is not responsible for any typographical errors in the announcement of prizes or these Official Rules. U.S. Embassy Warsaw is not responsible for any personal injury or property damage or losses of any kind which may be sustained to contestants’ or any other person's computer equipment resulting from participation in the contest, use of the contest site or the download of any information from the contest site. By participating in the contest, the contestant releases U.S. Embassy Warsaw from any and all claims, damages or liabilities arising from or relating to the contestant's participation in the contest. U.S. Embassy Warsaw is not liable in the event that any portion of the contest is cancelled due to weather, fire, strike, acts of war or terrorism, or any other condition beyond their control (a "Force Majeure Event").