

Frequently Asked Questions

SUBMISSIONS DUE
NOVEMBER 10, 2026

WINNERS ANNOUNCED
NOVEMBER 19, 2026

ABOUT THE CONTEST

What should my photo show?

Anything that represents what rural means to you! Your photo might show a North Dakota landscape, small-town gathering, farm or ranch, outdoor activity, local tradition, community member, rural healthcare, or an everyday moment that captures rural life.

Does my photo have to be taken in North Dakota?

Yes. All contest photographs must be taken in North Dakota. You will be asked to provide the general location where your photograph was taken.

When are submissions due?

Entries must be submitted by November 10, 2026.

When will winners be announced?

Winners will be announced on National Rural Health Day, November 19, 2026.

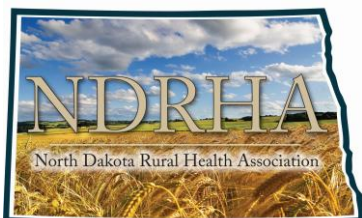
What are the prizes?

That's \$350 in total prizes.

- 1st Place: \$175
- 2nd Place: \$100
- 3rd Place: \$75

Do I have to be a professional photographer?

Absolutely not! The contest is about sharing your perspective on rural North Dakota. Photographers of all experience levels are encouraged to participate.



Can I submit a photo taken with my phone?

Yes. Photos taken with smartphones, digital cameras, or other photographic devices are welcome as long as the image meets the contest requirements.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

Can I edit my photograph?

Basic editing is permitted, including cropping and reasonable adjustments to exposure, brightness, contrast, and color. Edits should not substantially change or misrepresent what was photographed.

Can I submit an AI-generated image?

No. This is a photography contest, so images that are primarily or substantially generated using artificial intelligence are not eligible.

Can people appear in my photo?

Yes, but you are responsible for obtaining appropriate permission from identifiable individuals before submitting the photograph. If an identifiable minor is prominently featured, you should have permission from the minor's parent or legal guardian.

Can I submit a photo taken at a hospital, clinic, or other healthcare facility?

Potentially, but entrants must respect patient privacy and all applicable facility policies. Do not submit photographs that reveal confidential or protected patient information or show identifiable patients without appropriate authorization.

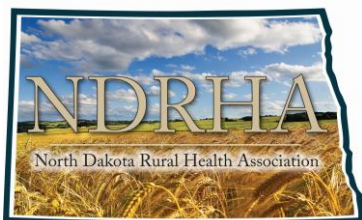
PHOTO OWNERSHIP & USE

Who owns my photo after I submit it?

You retain ownership of your photograph. By entering, however, you give NDRHA permission to use, reproduce, display, publish, and share the photograph for purposes related to the contest, National Rural Health Day, and NDRHA's educational, promotional, and communications activities, as described in the Terms of Use.

Will I receive photo credit?

When reasonably practical, NDRHA may credit the photographer when a submitted photograph is used. However, NDRHA cannot guarantee that a credit will accompany every use or format.



How are winners chosen?

Entries will be evaluated based on their connection to the theme, creativity, visual impact, storytelling, and representation of rural North Dakota. Final selections are at the discretion of NDRHA and its selected judges.

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