

**SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2018 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST  
NEW ENTRY DEADLINE – OCTOBER 31, 2018**

**RULES**

The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce is looking for original, fun, striking images of what **Shelby County, Texas means to you!** These images may reflect the wide variety of architecture, events, activities, seasons, people or places relevant to Shelby County, Texas. Photos must be:

- Taken in Shelby County, Texas from the years 2015 through 2018.
- Be the original work of the entrant.
- Non-infringing of the rights of others.
- Respectful of the rights, sensitivities, and culture of persons depicted.
- An accurate reflection of the subject matter and scene as it appeared, without alteration (other than standard optimization, including removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast).

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce 2018 Photography Contest is open to everyone, no age requirements. All entrants complete and Contest Entry Form. If the entrant is a minor under 18 years of age, a legal guardian must complete the Minor Entry Permission Form.
- Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Staff, Board of Directors and their immediate families can participate, but are not eligible to win awards. “Immediate family members” are those living in the same household.
- Entrants own the rights to their photos. By entering the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce 2018 Photography Contest, you grant the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce a non-exclusive license to your photos **ONLY** for uses related to the contest. Photos may be used for the Chamber’s print and digital publications, on the Chamber’s website, to decorate the Chamber office or other offices in Shelby County, Texas at the discretion of the Chamber, in a slideshow for use at conferences and workshops, and for other Chamber local, region or national promotions. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer, but no further compensation will be given. The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce shall have the right to verify, in its sole judgement, winner eligibility.

**WHAT TO ENTER:**

- Entrants may submit up to a maximum of **10 photos**.
- Entries may originate in any format—including but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color transparencies, color prints, or black and white prints—so long as they are submitted electronically in a .jpeg or .jpg format, 300 dpi or higher.
- All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (cropping, spotting for dust, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast) will be disqualified. No digital manipulation allowed.
- Please be prepared to submit your original file in a higher resolution should an entry be selected to be awarded a prize or if requested by the judges or the Chamber.
- Entrants will provide a short caption for each photo (describe what we see and where it was taken in Shelby County, Texas) included in the section on the Contest Entry Form.
- If possible, please embed your name and caption information in the photo’s metadata.

**ENTRY PERIOD:** The Photography Contest begins at 12:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 1, 2018, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, Central Daylight Time. Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible. Contest email address accepting photo submissions is the official time-keeping device for the Photo Contest.

**ENTRY FEES:** Entry fee is \$2.00 per photo submission. All entry fees are payable by check or cashier's check to the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. The entry fees must accompany the completed and signed Contest Entry Form delivered to the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce office located at 100 Courthouse Square, A-101, Center, TX 75935 prior to the contest deadline date Wednesday, October 31, 2018 by 5:00 p.m.

**PHOTO RELEASE FORMS:** If identifiable individuals, buildings or personal property appear in a photo submission, the entrant must provide the signed appropriate **Photo Release Form** from each individual, business or personal property owner. If minors are in the photo, a signed consent form is required for each youth appearing the photo.

**JUDGING CRITERIA:** Photos will be judged for originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact and artistic merit. Photos cannot be altered beyond standard optimization, cropping, color and contrast adjustments, etc. The judges will not know the name or of entrants in the initial round of judging. All judging decisions are final.

**AWARDS:** One (1) First Place winner \$125; One (1) Second Place winner \$75; and One (1) Third Place winner \$50. Winners will be notified November 2018.

**SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES:** Submissions must be digital entries by e-mail to the following at [scchambertxphotocontest@hotmail.com](mailto:scchambertxphotocontest@hotmail.com) or via photo CD mailed/hand delivered to 2018 Photography Contest, Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, 100 Courthouse Square A-101, Center, TX 75935. All entries must be accompanied by the completed Contest Entry Form, Entry Fees and any Photography Release Forms.

**AGREEMENT:** Photos submitted without the appropriate release forms will not be eligible for the contest or for publication. Participation in the contest implies acceptance of all contest rules, regardless of whether entrants sign a statement confirming acceptance. The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to reject any subject matter deemed unsuitable for publication.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce at (936) 598-3682 or email your questions and inquiries about the photo contest to [scchambertxphotocontest@hotmail.com](mailto:scchambertxphotocontest@hotmail.com).

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**LEGAL GUIDELINES**

- You are entering this contest at your own risk. You must agree that, regardless of the outcome, you will not challenge the results of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce 2018 Photography Contest (the "Contest") or file any claims or suits against the Chamber, their affiliates, directors, officers, or employees, arising from the conduct of the Contest. You agree that the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce need not return to you any images you submit and that the Chamber may, in its sole discretion, terminate this contest without any liability to you. If the Chamber terminates the Contest before its completion, the Chamber agrees that it will not use your images for any purpose.
- You agree that the images you submit you are granting the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce a non-exclusive license to your photos ONLY for uses related to the contest. Photos may be used for the Chamber's print and digital publications, on the Chamber's website, to decorate the Chamber office or other offices in Shelby County, Texas at the discretion of the Chamber, in a slideshow for use at conferences and workshops, and for other Chamber local, region or national promotions. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer, but no further compensation will be given. You may not revoke this permission to allow the Chamber to use your images. The Shelby County Chamber of Commerce shall have the right to verify, in its sole judgement, winner eligibility.
- Although you are agreeing to allow the Chamber to use your images, you remain the owner of your images and may also use them in any manner you choose.
- You promise that you are at least 18 years of age; if you are a Minor under 18 years of age, you will submit the Minor Permission Entry Form that your guardian gives permission for your entry.
- You promise that the photographs you submit (a) are your own work; (b) do not (to your knowledge) infringe on the rights of any other person or business; (c) have not been previously published.
- You promise that persons depicted in the photographs (except outdoor crowd scenes) have given you permission for the use of their image in your photograph. We ask for this promise because we want you to be respectful of the persons you photograph and considerate of their sensitivities concerning the use of their image in your photograph.
- You promise that your photograph accurately reflects the subject matter and scene as it appeared, and that it has not been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (removal of dust, cropping, adjustments to color and contrast, no digital manipulation).
- You agree that the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce does not need to pay you for your images, whether you win a prize or not.

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ENTRY FORM**

**CONTEST DATES: Begins at 12:00 a.m. on July 1, 2018, and  
Ends at 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2018, Central Daylight Time.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs along with your name and state of residence to be published as selected award winners in Shelby County Chamber of Commerce publications. Photos may be used for the Chamber's print and digital publications, on the Chamber's website, to decorate the Chamber office or other offices in Shelby County, Texas at the discretion of the Chamber, in a slideshow for use a conferences and workshops, and for other Chamber local, region or national promotions. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer, but no further compensation will be given.

Please list below your digital entries by including your First and Last name along with the photo File Extension Number and a brief description of each image(s) (where taken, what it depicts, relationship to Shelby County, Texas, etc.) for your photos to be used for any Shelby County Chamber of Commerce print or digital promotions/publications.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and agree to the Rules for the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce 2018 Photography Contest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PHOTO FILE NUMBER (Example: FirstnameLastname001.jpg)	PHOTOGRAPH CAPTION (Example: (When/Where taken, What it Depicts, Relationship to Shelby County, Texas))
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<b>Chamber Staff Only:</b>	_____ <b>Total Entries Received</b>	_____ <b>Total Entry Fees Collected</b>	_____ <b>Check Number</b>
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**SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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**MINOR ENTRY - PERMISSION FORM**

I, the undersigned, do hereby give permission for the minor named below to enter the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce 2018 Photography Contest. I hereby release and discharge the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce from any and all claims arising out of use of the photos submitted.

I understand the photos submitted may be used for print and online promotional purposes at the sole discretion of the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. Your entry to the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs along with your name and state of residence to be published as selected award winners in Shelby County Chamber of Commerce publications. Photos may be used for the Chamber's print and digital publications, on the Chamber's website, to decorate the Chamber office or other offices in Shelby County, Texas at the discretion of the Chamber, in a slideshow for use a conferences and workshops, and for other Chamber local, region or national promotions. Appropriate attribution will be given to the photographer, but no further compensation will be given.

I affirm I am of legal age, and able to contract for the minor in the above regard. I have read, understand and agree to the contest guidelines and the terms of this document.

Printed Name of Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
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**GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE**

I hereby authorize Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, hereafter referred to as "Chamber," to publish photographs taken of me on date listed below, and my name and likeness, including obtained scanned photos, for use in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, print, online website or social media outlets and video-based marketing materials, as well as other Chamber publications.

I hereby release and hold harmless Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with the images specified above.

I further acknowledge that my participation is voluntary and that I will not receive financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in Chamber marketing materials or other present or future Chamber publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I hereby release Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas,, its contractors, its employees, and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of marketing materials, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

**Authorization**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE FOR MINOR CHILD OR CHILDREN**

I hereby authorize Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas,, hereafter referred to as "Chamber," to publish photographs taken on date listed below of said minor child or children listed below, and our names and likenesses, for use in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, print, online website or social media outlets and video-based marketing materials, as well as other Company publications.

I hereby release and hold harmless Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality for myself and for the minor child and children listed below associated with the images specified above. Further, I attest that I am the parent or legal guardian of the child or children listed below and that I have full authority to consent and authorize Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, to use their likenesses and names.

I further acknowledge that participation is voluntary and that I, the minor child, or minor children will receive no financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in Chamber marketing materials or other Chamber publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever.

I hereby release Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of Chamber publications, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation or the participation of the minor children listed below.

**Authorization**

Printed Name Parent / Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages of Minor Children (List additional names and ages on back of form):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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**BUILDING PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE**

I hereby authorize Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas,, hereafter referred to as "Chamber," to publish photographs taken of the building listed below on said date, and any signage and other markings on said building, for use in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, publications, including those that are printed, published online on a website or other social media outlets, or created in video form.

Building Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:                   Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that I have full authorization to consent to publication of said photos. Further, I hereby release and hold harmless Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with the images specified above.

I further acknowledge that that neither I nor any building owner, manager, tenant or other party with claim to the building or who appears in the photographs, will receive no financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in Chamber publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever and that participation is voluntary.

I hereby release Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas,, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of marketing materials, from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

**Authorization**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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**PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE**

I hereby authorize Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas,, hereafter referred to as "Chamber," to publish photographs taken of my personal property, described as listed below for use in the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, Chamber publications, including those that are printed, published online on a website or other social media outlets, or created in video form.

Description of Property Photographed:

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I attest that I have full authorization to consent to publication of these photos. Further, I hereby release and hold harmless Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, from any reasonable expectation of privacy or confidentiality associated with the above-specified images.

I further acknowledge that that neither I nor any other party who may share ownership of the property described above (whether in the past or future), will receive no financial compensation of any type associated with the taking or publication of these photographs or participation in Chamber publications. I acknowledge and agree that publication of said photos confers no rights of ownership or royalties whatsoever and that participation is voluntary.

I hereby release Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Center, Texas, its contractors, its employees and any third parties involved in the creation or publication of marketing materials from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

**Authorization**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_