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# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bousquet Holstein High School Photography Contest

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We are pleased to open submissions for our 16th Annual High School Photography Contest hosted for students in Onondaga and Tompkins Counties.

For the past 16 years, Bousquet Holstein has hosted this photography contest as part of our ongoing efforts to support education and the arts in our community. Some past winners and finalists of the contest have gone on to study photography in college, and some have made photography a career after graduation.

**Please read through all instructions carefully regarding how to submit student images and how to participate.**

## Theme

Each year, the theme of our annual photography contest is inspired by an exhibition at the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse. This year's theme is titled "**Humanity and the Natural World.**"

For this year's contest, student photographers are encouraged to explore the profound transformations taking place in our natural world. From the captivating beauty of natural landscapes to the undeniable impact of human activities and climate change, students have a unique opportunity to showcase the ever-evolving dynamics between humanity and our planet. Through their lenses, they can capture the joys and sorrows of humankind's relationship with the earth.

Inspired by the Everson's exhibition, *Clayscapes*, this theme celebrates the profound connection between artists and the world they inhabit, serving as both a source of inspiration and a reflection of heartbreak. The collection of ceramics pays homage to clay's omnipresent role in our daily lives while also acknowledging its symbolic and spiritual significance. Just as artists mold clay, this exhibition acknowledges the power our environment wields over us. This year, we encourage students to translate this connection into their photographs, exploring the intricate exchange between humanity and nature, where each influence and shape the other in exceptional and lasting ways.

## Contest Rules

**How to Enter:** In an effort to make our contest more accessible to students, we have decided to change the photo submissions process this year. To enter our 2024 contest, students will need to fill out a **Google Form** where they will be able to upload their images directly, using either a computer or cell phone. Students will be required to login to their school-assigned google account before filling out the form.

The form will allow students to submit **up to seven images**. Students will be asked to get the name(s) and contact information for their subjects and a **signed subject release** form if needed. Here is the link to the Google Form: <https://bit.ly/bhphotocontest>

**Alternative Submissions:** If a student does not currently have a Google account through their school and does not have/want to use their personal Gmail account, they can submit their photographs and entry forms using



ShareFile. Once you have collected all digital image files, entry forms, *and* subject release forms, please use this ShareFile link to upload your images and documents. If this is your first time entering the contest, you will need to set up a login account. <https://bhlawpllc.sharefile.com/i/id5b6257e64247038>

Please make sure the file names of the images and documents include the name of school, student's last name and image title (abbreviate if possible). If you need assistance with submissions, please reach out to us or ask a teacher for help.

**Eligibility:** Onondaga County and Syracuse City High School Students, currently enrolled in grades 9-12.  
Tompkins County and Ithaca High School Students, currently enrolled in grades 9-12.  
***Students must be enrolled in high school for the Fall 2024 semester to be eligible for this contest.***

**Judging:** Entries will be judged on composition, imagination, relevance to theme, and creativity of content. The selection of the top 20 entries will be made by a panel of artists, teachers, photographers, and attorneys at Bousquet Holstein PLLC.

**Deadline:** All entries must be uploaded and received by Friday **October 6, 2023, 5 PM**. We will confirm receipt via email.

**Finalists:** Finalists will be notified once the judges have convened and reviewed all images. Students and teachers will be notified by email, usually at the end of October-early November.

**Prizes:** The 1st place winner will receive a \$500 scholarship and their school's art/photography class will also receive \$500. The first-place photograph will also be featured on the cover of the firm's annual Thanksgiving card – sent to over 7,000 of the firm's clients and colleagues. The 2nd place winner will receive a \$300 scholarship, and the 3rd place winner will receive a \$200 scholarship.

## Winners and Finalists

Our judges will review all photographs submitted and select 20 finalists, including our first, second, and third place winners. The 20 finalists, their families and teachers will be notified and invited to an exclusive finalist reception hosted at the Everson Museum, where we will showcase their photographers and announce our winners. The place winners will receive their scholarships at the ceremony. This event will take place sometime in November, before the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Student Photographer Acknowledgement

By entering this contest, student photographers approve and authorize Bousquet Holstein PLLC to publish, print, display, and distribute photographs in Bousquet Holstein printed publications, photo contest materials, social media, internal office galleries, and the firm's website. Participation in the contest is voluntary, and therefore, understood that the use of student images on social media, publications, marketing materials, holiday cards, and websites produced by Bousquet Holstein PLLC is also voluntary, and students will receive no financial compensation.

## Contact

We are committed to making this contest as accessible as possible for students and teachers. If you have any questions or hiccups while trying to submit photographs, please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Morett at 315-701-6384 or [NMorett@bhlawpllc.com](mailto:NMorett@bhlawpllc.com). If you'd like to see more information about our contest, or see our finalists/winners from past years, please visit <https://www.bhlawpllc.com/about-the-firm/annual-high-school-photography-contest/>.



## 2024 PHOTO CONTEST PHOTO SUBJECT RELEASE FORM

Subject or Person(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby approve and authorize Bousquet Holstein PLLC to publish the photographs taken of me for use in Bousquet Holstein printed publications, photo contest materials, social media and digital marketing services, and the firm's website. I acknowledge that my participation in the images taken by high school students competing in the firm's photo contest is voluntary, and therefore I understand the use of my image on social media, publications, marketing materials, and websites produced by Bousquet Holstein PLLC is also voluntary, and I will receive no financial compensation.

I further agree that my participation in any publication and website produced by Bousquet Holstein PLLC confers upon me no rights of ownership whatsoever. I release Bousquet Holstein and any high school students, teachers or administrators participating in the Bousquet Holstein Photo Contest from liability for any claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation.

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

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

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

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

