



Bousquet Holstein's 18th Annual High School Photography Contest

Bousquet Holstein PLLC would like to cordially invite you to submit entries to our annual High School Scholarship Photography Contest, open to students in Onondaga and Tompkins Counties!

About Our Contest

For the past 18 years, our law firm 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.

Students from all over Onondaga and Tompkins Counties submit their photographs in accordance with our **annual theme** (*see below*). After the photos are collected, a panel of artists, photographers, and Bousquet Holstein attorneys will review the photographs and select 20 finalists. Our finalists, their teachers, and their families will be invited to an exclusive reception at the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, where we will display their photographs and announce our winners! This event will take place on November 4, 2025. Please note that if a finalist is unable to attend our reception, they will still receive their award.

Awards: Our first-place winner will receive a \$500 scholarship, and their photograph will be the featured cover of the firm's annual Thanksgiving card – sent to over 8,000 of the firm's clients and friends. Since we love and appreciate our teachers and all they do for our students, the first-place winner's art/photography class will also receive a gift of \$500 to use for future classes.

Our second-place winner will receive a \$300 scholarship, and our third-place winner will receive a \$200 scholarship.

We sincerely hope you will consider participating this year!

Theme

Each year, the theme of our annual photography contest is created in partnership with the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse. This year's theme is titled "**Life in Focus: Capturing the Human Story.**"

This year's theme invites students to explore the idea of seeing life through their own lenses. What stories can a single image tell? How can photography capture both the ordinary and the extraordinary? Students are encouraged to take photos that reflect the world around them which highlight moments of humanity, culture, change, or connection. Participants are challenged to look closely, think critically, and use their images to tell the stories of the richness and complexity of life today.

How to Enter

Submit via Google Form: 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.

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 Tompkins County High School Students, *currently* enrolled in grades 9-12. Students may use their cell phones to take photos and do *not* need to be in a photography/art class to enter. Students who cannot attend the finalist reception in the fall are still encouraged to participate.

Judging: Entries will be judged on composition, imagination, relevance to theme, and creativity of content.

Deadline: All entries must be uploaded and received by **October 9, 2026, at 5 PM**. We will confirm receipt via email.

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 our contest submissions process as seamless as possible for students and teachers. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Haley Dubnoff at 315-701-6384 or BHMarketing@bhlaw.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/>.

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