



MERRIMACK
COUNTY SAVINGS BANK

2026 Merrimack County Savings Bank Photo Contest Rules

Calling all amateur or professional photographers: *Show us New Hampshire through your eyes!*

We're excited to host our annual photo contest once again and calling for local amateur or professional photographers to submit entries for our calendar, website and more.

Winning photos will demonstrate a strong focus on community events and people enjoying the venues, attractions and local businesses of New Hampshire and highlight the unique character and beauty of the state.

Starting Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 through Sunday, May 31st, 2026, photographers may submit ten (10) entries to be considered for the 2027 community calendars, holiday card and note cards, as well as displayed on the Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) website and social media pages.

Photos should depict some aspect of community life in New Hampshire. For example, send us: a photo of what volunteering in NH means to you; a photo of your hometown hero (and why); and/or a photo of your favorite hometown parade. Other possible subjects might include community events (such as fairs/festivals, or local sporting events), local landmarks, areas of scenic beauty or seasonal pastimes (fishing, ice fishing, sailing, hiking, skiing etc.).

Honorarium for Selected Images: A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the photographer for each photo selected for inclusion in the community calendar, desk calendar, holiday cards, note cards, social media pages or our websites as determined by The Merrimack. All winners are responsible for the payment of any federal, state and local taxes on the prize.

Number of Entries: You may submit a maximum of ten (10) entries to be considered for the 2027 community calendars, holiday card and note cards, as well as displayed on the Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) website and social media pages.

Judging: Judging of all submitted photography will be "blind." The name of the photographer will not be known by the judging panel. Judging will be based on suitability of the subject, quality of the photography, and adherence to the purpose of the contest, which is to focus on community events and people enjoying the venues, attractions and local businesses of New Hampshire.

Participation: The photo contest is open to all photographers, amateur or professional. Employees of The Merrimack and its affiliates are not excluded from this competition and eligible to participate.

To Enter: Photos will only be accepted electronically and may be uploaded by clicking on the calendar photo contest link at themerrimack.com/community-photo-contest. Electronic submissions must be in either JPG, TIFF, PNG or EPS format.

Official Rules may be downloaded from our website at themerrimack.com or picked up at any Merrimack branch office.

- 1. Assignment of Publication Rights.** We cannot, by law, publish any photographs in our calendar, on our website or in other publications without the explicit permission of the photographer. If your photo is chosen, you will be sent a form that you must fill out prior to your status as a winner being finalized. If you do not submit the permission form, you will be excluded from the contest, and another winner will be chosen. These rights are non transferable and apply only to those photos selected as winners of the contest. All other rights remain with the photographer.
- 2. Parental Release Form.** If any of your submitted photographs features the face of a child under the age of 18, the child's parent or legal guardian must complete and sign a Parental Release Form giving us permission to publish a photo of their child in our calendar, website or any other publication. In order to protect the privacy and safety of children, we cannot consider any photos with children in them without receiving parental consent.
 Yes I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child/children depicted in the submitted photograph. I hereby grant consent for the submitted photo to be considered for, and potentially used in the 2027 community calendar, desk calendar, holiday card and note cards and/or display on Merrimack County Savings Bank (The Merrimack) website and social media pages.
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- 3. W9 Form.** Winning photo participants need to submit a W9 BEFORE we mail you the check. A link to the form for downloading and printing can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Format for submitting photos.

Please observe the following specifications:

- Digital photography must be at a minimum resolution of 300 DPI at 10"x8".
- Photographs with slightly lower resolutions will be reviewed, but may be rejected. Full color images require higher resolutions to produce acceptable results.
- Digital images must be saved in JPG, TIFF, PNG or EPS format and in **horizontal** orientation.
- The Merrimack reserves the right to color correct and/or crop photo entries if necessary. Please do not submit a photo that contains a watermark on the image.

Deadline: Entries must be received by the end of the day on Sunday, May 31st, 2026. Entries must be submitted electronically. Winners will be contacted in August.

No payment or purchase is necessary to enter or win. A payment or purchase will not improve your chances of winning. Void where prohibited by law.

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact Merrimack Marketing at [603.223.2714](tel:603.223.2714) or email merrimackmarketing@themerrimack.com.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: SUNDAY, MAY 31ST, 2026

