

ENTRY GUIDELINES



NATURE'S BEST™ PHOTOGRAPHY 2018 WINDLAND SMITH RICE AWARDS

OPEN NOW UNTIL 11:59PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME FEB. 20, 2018

The editors of *Nature's Best Photography* magazine invite all photographers to enter the 2018 WINDLAND SMITH RICE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS competition. The category Winners and a selection of Highly Honored photos and videos will be displayed as fine art prints in the annual Exhibition at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. All finalists will be published in the 2018 Fall / Winter Special Collector's Edition of *Nature's Best Photography* magazine sold at the museum shops and on the NBP website. They are also featured in online galleries and social media. Photographs and videos are judged on artistic merit, originality, technical quality, and excellence. **SEE CATEGORIES ON PAGES 4-5.**

ENTRY FEE: \$30 US for Adults / \$20 US for Youth (18 and under as of 2/20/2018).

IMAGES PER ENTRY: Up to 25 images for each paid contest entry.

You may start as many paid entries as you like.

TO SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS ONLINE

1. PREPARE YOUR PHOTOS: Save **COPIES** of your original images as low-resolution JPEGs (72 ppi) no smaller than 500k and no larger than 5mb. Image sizes will vary and should be about 1000 to 2000 pixels on the longest side. Name each of your photograph files in this way: `firstname_lastname_subject_category`: (**Example: JohnDoe_fox_wildlife.jpg**)

Photographers with images that pass into the semifinal round of judging will need to supply high-resolution tiff files and RAW files if available, a complete caption, and camera specifications before the final judging. Information on how to send high-resolution files will be emailed to you.

2. LOG IN OR START A CONTEST ACCOUNT on the NBP website to upload your photos and manage your entries, check or replace images, edit/update captions before the deadline:

Login: bit.ly/nbp_login **Don't have an account?** bit.ly/nbp_signup

After you start an account, you will see the "My Account Dashboard" tool found at the top right on the homepage of the NBP website. There you will be able to log in or out, update your contest account information, and go to lists of the contest entries associated with your account.

3. USE THE "MANAGE MY ENTRY" BUTTON at the bottom right of your account home page to get to the entry form for the current contest.

4. UPLOAD PHOTOS on the online Entry Form. You will get a confirmation receipt by email with payment status and with a link to return to your entry.

TO SUBMIT PHOTOS BY MAIL OR COURIER:

1. **PREPARE YOUR IMAGES:** Save COPIES of your digital images and label each photo with your first and last name, image title, and the category it is to enter (**Example: JohnDoe_fox_wildlife.jpg**). **SEE CATEGORIES ON PAGES 4-5.** Entries may be sent on thumb drives labeled with your first and last name and phone number. *Please retain your own copy of the original submission as they will not be returned after the contest.* Prepare BOTH low and high resolution images with your original submission at the following specifications:

- **Low Resolution** (72 ppi) jpeg copies of your images, sized 1000 to 2000 pixels on the longest side, must be saved on a USB drive labeled **LOW RES** for preliminary judging.
- **High Resolution** (300 ppi) **unsharpened tiff** images, largest file available, may be saved onto a thumb drive for the final round of judging. Please label the drive as **HIGH RES**. Tiff files, or the original RAW files, will be used for publication and exhibition if selected as a winner. *(Include the original RAW files with your submission. NOTE: we do not publish the RAW image).*

2. **INCLUDE BOTH** low and high resolution files clearly labeled with your name on a thumb drive along with the \$30 (or \$20 Youth) entry fee (*US dollars only*) per 25 images and the completed 2018 Awards Entry Form (*page 3*). **NO FOREIGN CHECKS!** Mail your submission to this address:

NATURE'S BEST WINDLAND AWARDS
1930 ISAAC NEWTON SQUARE, SUITE 200C, RESTON, VA 20190, USA
PHONE FOR COURIER: 703-467-9783

IMPORTANT RULES:

ALL PHOTOS MUST accurately reflect the subject matter as it appeared in the viewfinder. Nothing should be added to or removed from an image aside from dust spots or other minor corrections. Normal processing of RAW image files and limited adjustments to color and contrast are accepted, as is minimal cropping, HDR photo stacking, and panoramic stitching. These are permitted as long as all techniques are disclosed on your entry form notes and represent how you saw the scene in the field. **SEE CATEGORIES ON PAGES 4-5.** Select a category that you feel is the best fit for each image. The Judging Panel reserves the right to move images to another category.

ENTRANTS MUST NOT infringe upon the rights of any other photographer or person, Federal regulations, or private land permissions, and **MUST NOT ENTER IMAGES of CAPTIVE** wildlife or involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment. Read each category description to make sure you are following the rules. **NOTE: Images that do not comply with the contest rules will be eliminated from the competition.**

ENTRY FEE AND ENTRY FORM:

The entry fee of \$30 US dollars (\$20 for Youth) per entry of 25 images may be paid with your Visa, MasterCard, or American Express charge card OR check or money order made out to: NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY, mailed with your photos. OR call the office M-F from 9am to 5pm at 703-467-9783. **NO FOREIGN CHECKS!** Submissions must be accompanied by a LEGIBLE entry form.

QUESTIONS? Call 703-467-9783 or e-mail: awards@naturesbestphotography.com

MAIL-IN ENTRY FORM



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FIRST NAME / MIDDLE INITIAL / LAST NAME

DATE

BUSINESS NAME

PROFESSIONAL

AMATEUR

YOUTH / CURRENT AGE / BIRTHDATE UNDER 18 AS OF 2/20/18

STREET ADDRESS

APARTMENT NO.

CITY

STATE / PROVINCE

ZIP / POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

HOME PHONE

OFFICE PHONE

CELL PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

WEBSITE

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES (FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM)

ENTRY FEE \$30 US (\$20 FOR YOUTH) METHOD OF PAYMENT:

CHECK NUMBER

(NO FOREIGN CHECKS)

CALL OUR OFFICE TO CHARGE OVER THE PHONE 703-467-9783

CREDIT CARD NUMBER VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

EXPIRATION DATE | SECURITY CODE (3 OR 4 DIGITS ON BACK OF CARD)

NUMBER OF IMAGES IN ENTRY (SUBMISSION IS LIMITED TO 25 IMAGES TOTAL PER PAID ENTRY)

_____ TOTAL NUMBER OF DIGITAL IMAGES ON USB DRIVE (OR DISCS)

PLEASE SAVE YOUR IMAGES WITH YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME IN TITLE. **SEND CAPTIONS** ALONG WITH ENTRIES.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MY FLASH DRIVES (OR DISCS) WILL NOT BE RETURNED AT THE END OF THE COMPETITION.

DEADLINE: ENTER BY 11:59 PM EASTERN STANDARD TIME ON FEB. 20, 2018

MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY FEE AND IMAGES TO:

VIA US POSTAL SERVICE OR COURIER:

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CATEGORIES



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Please read all descriptions carefully as some have changed. We are looking for artistic compositions in all categories: dramatic portraits and landscapes, images of animal behavior, and humorous shots.

AFRICAN WILDLIFE:

The vast continent of Africa provides extraordinary opportunities to witness and document the ever-changing web of life. Enter photos of wild animals (mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, etc.) photographed in Africa, including Madagascar and offshore island groups, taken in their natural habitat. Behavior, portraits, adults with young, antics, and more.

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BIRDS:

Wild birds in natural habitats displaying plumage, mating rituals, territorial battles, nesting, feeding, parenting, or other behaviors, adult with young, and portraits.

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CONSERVATION STORY:

Photography and video are powerful tools for bringing greater public awareness to conservation issues and recovery strategies around the globe. Please submit up to 25 images and/or video links related to your conservation driven project or projects for a specific animal, groups of animals, and/or location. We ask that you also include a detailed narrative about the project, its current status, and future goals.

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CONSERVATION
PHOTOGRAPHERS

LANDSCAPES:

Dramatic scenes and unusual perspectives of the world's wild places providing expansive views, as well as images of plant life such as: flowers, trees, and other flora in natural habitat.

Includes close-up images of plants taken with micro/macro lenses.

NATURE IN MOTION:

High definition video is an important tool in sharing outdoor observation and experience. We invite you to share your story, whether your entry is a produced film documentary or a video from your phone. *(Each will be judged and recognized separately.)* We are interested in impactful wildlife behavior, people enjoying nature, storytelling, and conservation messages.

Time lapse and aerial videos are welcome. Upload your submission through YouTube, Vimeo, or other viewing platforms and provide us with the link (and password, if necessary).

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SMITHSONIAN CHANNEL AND SMITHSONIAN EARTH



OCEAN VIEWS:

The world of the sea photographed above, below, and around the ocean's surface: tide pools, coral reefs, marine life, waves, seascapes, sea ice, and creatures who depend upon the ocean for survival.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DIVERS ALERT NETWORK



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE:

People enjoying the outdoors: backpackers, kayakers, divers, hikers, climbers, camping, caving, skiing, running, skydiving, ballooning, etc., in natural settings.

POLAR PASSION:

Wildlife and landscapes found in the Earth's Arctic, Subarctic, and Antarctic regions. Includes polar bears, penguins, birds, seals, walruses, whales, and other wildlife as well as a wide view of these spectacular and diverse ecosystems and their seasonal and climatic changes.

WILDLIFE:

Wild animals (mammals, reptiles, amphibians, etc.) photographed within their natural habitat. Includes wildlife in humorous or surprising situations and close-up images taken with micro or macro lenses. *Birds outside of Africa should be entered in the "Birds" category (see above).*

YOUTH ENTRANTS:

Photographers 18 years of age or younger as of Feb. 20, 2018 may enter photos and videos in any of the contest categories listed above. **NOTE:** *Be sure to include your date of birth and current age on your online or mailed entry form.*

IMPORTANT: If your image displays a species listed as "Endangered" by the IUCN please add that information to your entry notes. Visit the iucnredlist.org website and send us a link to the status.

PHOTO USE AND RIGHTS:

THE WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE AND MAY BE SELECTED FOR GALLERY EXHIBITIONS AND OTHER NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY WINDLAND SMITH RICE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS (NBPWSRIA) COMPETITION PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A COMPILATION BOOK OR CALENDAR, PRINTS, SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS, ELECTRONIC COLLECTIONS OF WINNERS AND WEB PAGES PROVIDING NBPWSRIA INFORMATION, UPDATES, RULES, AND PHOTO TIPS.

THE NBPWSRIA COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS EXCEPT EMPLOYEES OF NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE. YOUR ENTRY TO THIS CONTEST CONSTITUTES YOUR AGREEMENT TO ALLOW YOUR PHOTOGRAPHS, YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION, CITY AND STATE OF RESIDENCE TO BE PUBLISHED AS SELECTED AWARD WINNERS IN NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINES, PRINT AND DIGITAL EXHIBITIONS, EVENTS, AND OTHER PUBLIC VENUES, PUBLISHED ON WEBSITES OWNED BY OR IN ALLIANCE WITH NBPWSRIA AS AWARD WINNERS; AND USED FOR PROMOTIONS OF THE NBPWSRIA. ****ENTRANTS RETAIN OWNERSHIP AND ALL OTHER RIGHTS TO USE OF THEIR PHOTOGRAPHS.** NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO VERIFY, IN THEIR SOLE JUDGMENT, WINNER ELIGIBILITY. NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD OR REMOVE CATEGORIES AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION.

LEGAL CONDITIONS: BY ENTERING THIS AWARDS COMPETITION, YOU AGREE TO CERTAIN LEGAL CONDITIONS. BY ENTERING, PARTICIPANTS RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS NATURE'S BEST PUBLISHING LLC (THE COMPANY), ITS RESPECTIVE SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, ATTORNEYS, AGENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURIES, LOSS, CLAIM, ACTION, DEMAND OR DAMAGE OF ANY KIND ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE NBPWSRIA, OR ANY PRIZE WON, ANY MISUSE OR MALFUNCTION OF ANY PRIZE AWARDED, PARTICIPATION IN ANY NBPWSRIA-RELATED ACTIVITY, OR PARTICIPATION IN THE NBPWSRIA.

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