

HSCF Annual Photo Awards

CATEGORIES

HUNTING: Hunting experiences & related activities; hunters in the field.

HUNTER WITH TROPHY: Hunters with game.

OUTDOOR RECREATION: Outdoor experiences, including fishing, hiking, sporting clays, shooting activities, etc.

WILDLIFE-BIG GAME: Big game animals in their natural habitat.

WILDLIFE-SMALL GAME: Small game animals in their natural habitat.

WILDLIFE-BIRDS: Waterfowl, upland birds, land fowl, turkeys, songbirds and any birds in native wild places.

HUNTING DOGS: In action or at rest.

LANDSCAPE: Terrains, waterscapes, sunsets, moonscapes, stars and more.

YOUTH: Outdoor photos taken by those age 17 years or younger.

BLACK & WHITE: Outdoor images submitted in a black & white format.

TRADITIONS & CULTURE: People met on adventures, sharing their traditional ways of living.

PROFESSIONAL: Taken by an individual who has realized income for their photography in the past.

FAN FAVORITE: The most popular photo as selected by a poll of HSCF members.

BEST IN SHOW: The overall best photograph, chosen from any category (professional entries are excluded from this category).

ELIGIBILITY & RULES

The photo contest is open to HSCF members of all ages. All contestants must have been HSCF members when the submitted photograph was taken. The photographer must enter the photograph, not the individual captured in the photograph, with the exception of the "Hunter With Trophy" category. The same image can only be submitted in one category. Any photographs previously entered into any HSCF awards competition may not be re-entered. Photos taken by an individual who has realized income for their photography in the past, may only enter the Professional category. Entries from professional photographers will not be eligible for the Best in Show award. If selected as a winner in a contest, the award will be credited to the to the photographer and not the subject, with the exception of the "Hunter with a Trophy" category. One person may not win more than one (1) category each year, with the exception of an individual category and Best in Show or an individual category and Fan Favorite. No HSCF member judging the competition may have an entry in the category they are judging. This contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. By entering this contest, all participants agree to have met the eligibility requirements as presented.

CONTEST PERIOD

The photo entered must have been taken between December 6, 2025 and December 2, 2026. All entries must be completed and received in the HSCF office by December 2, 2026.

HOW TO ENTER

To submit photographs, complete the entry form at WeHuntWeGive.org/membership/awards and attach your digital photographs.

ENTRY FEE

\$10 per photograph submitted.

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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Photographs should be 1 MB or larger; 300 dpi preferred. One photograph entry per submission. Save image as: Category, First Name, Last Name and # of Entry.

JUDGING

Judging will be conducted by the HSCF Photo Awards Committee. Judging will be based on composition, originality, creativity, and quality of the photograph. Photos are evaluated anonymously, with the name of the photographer not being provided to committee members. The “Fan Favorite” category will be selected from the winner of each category (Professional entries excluded) and judged by HSCF members, with the selection receiving the most votes being chosen as the winner for this category.

WINNER NOTIFICATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Award winners of this contest will be recognized at a pre-planned HSCF event. Winners will be notified in advance. Winning photographs will be published in Hunter’s Horn magazine and other HSCF media.

PRIZES

The winner of each category will receive an award recognizing their achievement at the annual awards banquet and \$50.00 in Bass Pro Shops/Cabela’s gift cards.

PHOTO RELEASE

By submitting an entry in the HSCF Annual Photography Awards Contest, each participant agrees to the following terms & conditions: I hereby grant Houston Safari Club Foundation (HSCF) permission to use my likeness in a photograph in any and all of its publications and A/V presentations, including website entries, without payment or any other consideration. I understand and agree that these materials will become the property of HSCF and will not be returned. I hereby irrevocably authorize HSCF to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute this photo for purposes of publicizing HSCF programs or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph. I hereby hold harmless and release and forever discharge HSCF from all claims, demands and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate have or may have by reason of this authorization. I am 21 years of age and am competent to contract in my own name. If the contest entrant is under twenty-one (21) years of age, there must be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows: I hereby certify that I am the parent/guardian of the contest entrant above and do hereby give my consent without reservation to the foregoing on behalf of this person. The entrant agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of this contest upon submission of photos. I have read this release before entering this contest and I fully understand the contents, meaning and impact of this release.