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2026 Photo Contest FAQs

Can I submit my entry form and images electronically (via email)?

Yes. Erie Canalway NHC is accepting submissions via email or mail. Up to three digital images can be emailed to photocontest@eriecanalway.org accompanied by a digital copy of a completed entry form. Please do not use share file programs such as Drop Box to email your images as Erie Canalway is prohibited from accessing these programs. Digital images can also be mailed on disc (CD or DVD) or flash drive and must be accompanied by a completed entry form either printed or attached as a digital file. Hard copy prints of images are no longer accepted for submission.

Can I submit all my digital images on a single disc or flash drive?

Yes. In fact, the rules state that you must submit all digital entries on a single disc or flash drive, and must contain only the images you are submitting for the contest.

I don't live in the Corridor. Can I still enter the contest?

Yes, please! If you took a cruise on the Erie Canal, or visited any of the 200+ Canalway Corridor communities and you took some great images while you were there, we'd be delighted if you entered them in the contest.

I can't download the entry form. How can I enter the contest?

You can request copies of the official rules, entry form and model release form by either emailing Diane_Jennings@eriecanalway.org, or by calling (518) 237-7000, extension 207, or by mailing to Erie Canalway NHC, Attn: Photo Contest, P.O. Box 219, Waterford, NY 12188.

How do I know what the boundaries of the Corridor are?

The boundaries of the Erie Canalway NHC are formed by the cities and townships that border the present-day New York State Canal System (the Erie, Oswego, Champlain and Cayuga-Seneca Canals), and their historic alignments. A map of the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and a complete listing of its communities are available online at www.eriecanalway.org.

When and how will winners be announced?

Judging takes place within three weeks after the contest's deadline and the list of winners will be posted on www.eriecanalway.org and issued in a press release by end of October. Photographers with images which earn a first, second or third place in the four categories or an Honorable Mention will be notified individually.

What happens to the images after the contest?

The winning images are featured in the annual Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor calendar and in a special gallery on www.eriecanalway.org. All images are kept by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor and may be used on the website or in printed materials produced in the future. When possible and where appropriate, credit is given to the photographer.



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2027 Calendar FAQs

When will the calendars be ready?

The calendars are printed and sent to various distribution sites throughout the Corridor for release on **December 1st**. A complete list of sites is posted on www.eriecanalway.org and issued in a press release at that time.

How can I get a calendar?

By stopping by one of our public distribution sites throughout the Corridor. A complete list of sites is posted on www.eriecanalway.org in early November and issued in a press release by the beginning of December. Calendars are available on a first come, first served basis and some locations may run out quickly.

Can I have more than one?

Because we can only print a limited quantity, we request that you take only one copy per household. We would love to be able to print more, but our resources are limited.

How did you determine where to distribute the calendars?

First, by location. All sites are located within or near one of the 200+ municipalities (cities, towns or villages) that make up the Canalway Corridor. Second, by accessibility. Since the calendar comes out in December when many museums and visitor centers in the Corridor are either closed or have limited hours, it was decided that the local public libraries would be good locations.

Why doesn't my local library have any calendars, even though my local paper said it would?

Although we send out the press release about the calendars, newspaper publishers decide when and where the notices are printed. Many newspapers are owned regionally, so the announcement may appear in a location where we didn't send any calendars, or the library ran out of copies before the notice was printed in the paper. Also, although we try to distribute the calendars equitably, we simply can't afford to send copies to every single library, visitor center and museum within the Corridor. We recommend that you check the list on our website, www.eriecanalway.org and call the distribution site before making the trip.

I moved away from the area but learned about the calendar from your e-newsletter. Is there any way I can get a calendar?

Possibly. A limited quantity of calendars is held in reserve for individuals who make a special effort to contact the Executive Administrator, either by email to Diane_Jennings@eriecanalway.org, phone at (518) 237-7000 ext. 207 or mail to Erie Canalway NHC, Attn: Calendar Request, P.O. Box 219, Waterford, NY 12188.