

A CALL FOR ENTRIES



**ENTRY DEADLINE:
JULY 2, 2012**

24th Annual GORDON PARKS PHOTO COMPETITION

sponsored by

The Gordon Parks Museum/Center for Culture and Diversity
Fort Scott Community College
2108 S. Horton, Fort Scott, Kansas, 66701
www.gordonparkscenter.org

GUIDELINES FOR THE 2012 GORDON PARKS PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The 24th Annual Gordon Parks Photography Competition was established in honor of Gordon Parks, famed photographer who was the first African-American photo-journalist to work for LIFE magazine. Also a composer, writer, and film director, Parks was born and reared in Fort Scott, KS. This competition is open to both amateur and professional photographers.

WORK(S) ELIGIBLE: Photographs submitted should have been taken within the last five years. Each photographer may submit up to four photographs and each photograph will be judged as an individual entry. **No photo essays will be accepted. Digitally altered photos (any alteration that distorts the original image) will be disqualified.**

THEME: GORDON PARKS SAID “I WOUND UP BEING AN OBJECTOR REPORTER WITH A SUBJECTIVE HEART.” ALL OF GORDON’S IMAGES DEPICTED THE “EMBEDDED STORY” BEHIND THE SUBJECT-THE PAIN, THE DESPAIR, THE JOY, THE PASSION.

AWARDS: \$500 first place/\$350 second place/\$200 third place will be awarded to the top three photographs and up to three Honorable Mentions will receive \$50 each in prize money. The Finalists

will be announced by September 1, 2012 and the winners will be named shortly after the Gordon Parks Celebration which is October 5-6, 2012, in Fort Scott, KS.

EXHIBITS: The 2012 Gordon Parks Competition Finalists' exhibit will be exhibited at FSCC in September and October and may travel to other exhibit sites during the year.

SPECIFICATIONS: Photographs must be submitted on CDs, CD-RWs, or via e-mail to photocontest@fortscott.edu. **Please do not submit photos on a photo CD that requires downloading of other files to open it. All photos must be JPEG in format. (If e-mailed limit file size to less than 3 MB.)** No slides or actual photos are allowed. Keep a copy of your entry for your records, we will NOT return any entries. All entries will be confirmed via email. File names should match the name of the entry.

INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION ON THE CD OR WITH YOUR E-MAIL:

1.) Title of the Photograph 2.) Your Name 3.) Your Current Address, including zip code
4.) A Current Phone number 5.) A working e-mail address

TITLE AND CAPTION: Photographers should submit a title and a caption (explanation) describing each photo. Include the title of work, photographer's name, and the file name. Limit captions to 50 words or less.

CONTEST DEADLINE: The last day that photos and entry fees will be accepted for the competition is **July 2, 2012.** *(All entries must be postmarked or received via email by that date.)*

ENTRY FORM: Complete the following entry form. Be sure to identify your files as mentioned above. Past winning photos can be found at www.gordonparkscenter.org. Send an e-mail with questions to photocontest@fortscott.edu.

CONTEST FEES: **Each photo entry is \$15. Photographers may enter up to four photographs.** Checks or money orders (in U.S. funds) should be made payable to FSCC Gordon Parks Museum and should accompany the entries sent on CD. We accept Visa & Mastercard payments.* All e-mailed entries should have fees paid by July 2, 2012. All contest fees are non-refundable.
**All credit card payments have an extra \$2 fee charged by the FSCC Business Office*

JUDGING: Preliminary judging will be completed with the files as originally submitted. The jury will select the images to be included in the final judging. Photographers whose entries are selected as finalists will be required to submit prints for the final judging. Finalists will be notified by e-mail.

LIABILITY: Utmost care in handling will be given to all entries. However, the Photo Contest & Fort Scott Community College cannot assume any responsibility for the damage or loss of entries in transit. FSCC shall assume the right to reproduce any entry for catalog or contest publicity purposes. It is the photographer's responsibility to secure the necessary releases from identifiable persons shown in all images. **Contest participants must complete the release portion of the official entry.**

RETURN: Finalist and winning entries become the property of Fort Scott Community College. FSCC shall assume the right to reproduce any entry for catalog or contest publicity purposes (we will give photo credit). The photographer retains the copyright.

2012 PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name _____

E-mail _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Entry Fee Enclosed (U.S. funds only): \$15 (1 photo) \$30 (2 photos) \$45 (3 photos) \$60 (4 photos)

FORM OF PAYMENT (U.S. Funds Only): Check Money Order VISA* MasterCard*

**The FSCC Business Office charges a \$2 fee for using a credit card.*

If paying by credit card, please complete the following:

Name as Appears on Card: _____

Card No.: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

Please List all Entries:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

**Send all entries to: PHOTO CONTEST, Fort Scott Community College,
2108 S. Horton, Fort Scott, KS 66701**

GORDON PARKS PHOTO CONTEST RELEASE FORM

By signing & submitting this photo release form I agree to all terms of this agreement and rules of the contest both written and implied. My signature verifies that I am the photographer who took these photos and have obtained the proper releases. The Gordon Parks Museum and Fort Scott Community College shall assume the right to reproduce any entry for catalog or contest publicity purposes (we will give photo credit).

Signature: _____

Date: _____