



2026 GORDON PARKS MUSEUM PHOTO CONTEST



THEME: "GIVING A VOICE TO THE VOICELESS"

Inspired by Gordon Parks, who used his camera to speak for those who are unable to speak for themselves.

WHO CAN ENTER

Open to any amateur (non-professional) photographer

Amateur (non-professional) photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to capture the essence of the theme and submit their photographs. **Note: We define a professional as someone who has been published in any national or international publication or has/had a career in photography. This includes magazines, journals, websites, social media outlets and receiving payment for any photographs.**

PRIZES

First place (\$200), Second place (\$75), Third place (\$50) and up to five honorable mentions.

Winners will be announced at the Gordon Parks Celebration. **All accepted photos will be exhibited during the 23rd Annual Gordon Parks Celebration on Oct. 1 - 3, 2026, and featured on the Gordon Parks website and Facebook page.**

DEADLINE

Photos should be received via email by Wednesday, September 16, 2026

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Photographers can enter no more than 2 photos.

Photographs must be submitted via e-mail to gordonparksphotocontest@fortscott.edu. All photos must be in JPEG format and limit file size to **less than 2 MB**. **Photographers should submit attached photo in JPEG format, with the title, their name, address, email, and phone number.** If under 14 years old please include parent's information.

GUIDELINES & RIGHTS

The Gordon Parks Museum reserves the right to not accept or display any submitted photo(s) that would be considered to be obscene, violent or in any other way objectionable or inappropriate and/or that do not hold to the standards of FSCC policy or the mission of the Gordon Parks Museum. It is the photographer's responsibility to make sure they have permission to take and use the photograph subject's image. By entering the contest, you retain the rights to your works while granting The Gordon Parks Museum the unrestricted, royalty-free, perpetual right to use, reproduce, communicate, modify and display the works (in whole or in part) for any purpose without any fee or other form of compensation, and without further notification or permission. By participating in this contest, you release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless The Gordon Parks Museum and its employees, directors, officers, affiliates, agents, judges and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest or receipt or use of any prize.

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