

2018 Faces of Transportation Photo/Video Contest

Guidelines and Rules

Deadline for Entries: **FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018**

PRIZES!

PHOTOGRAPH:

Best Overall Photograph, \$500; People's Choice, \$500

NEW: Social Media Photography Prize, \$100

VIDEO:

First Prize, \$150; Second Prize, \$100; Third Prize, \$50

Thank you for submitting your entry to the AASHTO Faces of Transportation Contest.

Photos and video containing identifiable individuals *must* be accompanied by a properly executed model release (See form below). Photos must also be accompanied by a caption that describes the scene (no more than 50 words).

Each entrant may also be asked to submit a short (no more than 200-word) piece suitable for posting to the Faces of Transportation blog.

All entries will become the property of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials with full rights of reproduction and use upon receipt as contest entries.

Contest Entry Form

Entrant Name: _____

Agency (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Consent Agreement: I, on behalf of my agency if applicable, declare that I have read, understood, complied with, and will abide by all the rules of this contest, and agree to accept the contest judges' ruling over any aspect of this contest as final and binding. I consent to have my entry reproduced in any and all media, and to the use of the name, image, likeness and other information for any and all promotional materials, public or private publications, electronic media, or Internet distribution.

Signature: _____

Contest Rules: Contest is open to legal United States residents over the age of 18, staff and/or contract employees of the state departments of transportation, except employees of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and their families or persons with whom they are domiciled.

If a photograph or video is deemed to be the property of a State Department of Transportation, it must be submitted with the explicit permission of the agency Director, Commissioner, or Executive Director. If such photograph or video is awarded a prize, the prize money will be awarded to the Department of Transportation as a whole, and distributed at the discretion of the agency Director, Commissioner, or Executive Director.

If the photograph or video is the property of an individual, and such photograph or video is awarded a prize, the individual will be solely responsible for any taxes on the prize.

Photo entries must be submitted as a digital file to the website below. In all categories EXCEPT social media submissions, digital files must be a minimum of 600 dpi quality or better. ALL entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. A text file with the information and caption (see below) should also be included with the digital media.

Video Content Requirements

All videos must be about or related to transportation.

Judging

Videos will be judged in the following categories:

- Value of the information provided
- Creativity and originality
- Entertainment value
- Production quality

Technical Requirements

Video entries must be uploaded as a digital file to YouTube or Vimeo and the link shared with AASHTO. If these videos aren't already posted on YouTube or Vimeo a password protected copy must be posted privately and the password shared with AASHTO. All entries must be accompanied by a completed entry form. A caption, detailed description of the video and credits must be provided with each entry in Word format.

Categories

In-house productions: videos that are produced by individuals or State DOTs entirely in-house and without the assistance of a private company or outside contractor.

Professionally produced: videos produced by or with the assistance of a private company or outside contractor.

Winners

The videos as selected by AASHTO, will be awarded cash prizes. The winners, along with other submitted videos, may be featured on AASHTO's Transportation TV or AASHTO's YouTube Channel.

Important Submission Information

Entrants are responsible for obtaining any model releases or any other permission or license necessary for the submission of the work for this contest and future publication or use. An original or copy of said model release shall accompany entries submitted to AASHTO. **Entries lacking model releases, when persons depicted are identifiable, will be disqualified. Entries lacking an appropriate caption will be disqualified.**

The contest sponsors shall not be responsible for lost or misdirected entries, or entries damaged in transit to the judging location. Creative composition must be entirely original and not infringe on the right of any third party.

AASHTO will have the right to exhibit, reproduce, and distribute in any manner any or all of the entries. Winners must be willing to demonstrate they have met all contest requirements.

Submitted materials will not be returned. No correspondence will be entered into except with the winners who will be notified by mail and/or telephone. This contest may be revoked or changed without notice.

Limit one prize per agency or individual. Offer void where prohibited by law.

Entries should be submitted online at — <https://transportationawards.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/home/8>

For more information, contact David Dubov-Flinn at AASHTO, ddubov@ashto.org (please, no submissions to this address).

See next pages for copy of model release and caption form.

CHECKLIST FOR PHOTOGRAPH SUBMITTAL

- q Photograph that includes *people*
- q Suitable high resolution digital format (*social media submissions excepted*)
- q (*If a state employee*) Letter of permission to submit the entry from your agency Director, Commissioner, or Executive Director
- q Signed and completed model release, if a recognizable individual is present in the photograph
- q Complete, legible caption
- q Choice of theme indicated
- q Completed entry form and all digital files submitted to <https://transportationawards.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/home/8> or via social media.

CHECKLIST FOR VIDEO SUBMITTAL

- q Video that includes *people*
- q Shot in high definition and saved in a suitable digital format
- q Uploaded to a video-sharing site for review
- q (*If a state employee*) Letter of permission to submit the entry from your agency Director, Commissioner, or Executive Director
- q Signed model release, if a recognizable individual is present in the video
- q Complete, legible caption
- q Choice of theme indicated
- q Completed entry form, (letter, if applicable) and model release submitted to <https://transportationawards.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/home/8>

PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO MODEL RELEASE

I hereby irrevocably consent to and authorize the reproduction, publication and/or sale by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), its licensees and assigns, of the photograph(s) and/or video(s) identified below, in whole or part or in conjunction with other photograph(s) and/or video(s) in any medium and for any lawful purpose, including illustration, promotion or advertising, without any further compensation to me.

I agree that the photograph(s), the transparencies, video, or digital files thereof, and the right to copyright the same, shall be the sole property of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), with full right of lawful disposition in any manner.

I waive any right to notice or approval of any use of the photograph(s) and/or video(s) which the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), may make or authorize, and I release, discharge and agree to save the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and its licensees and assigns, from any claim or liability in connection with the use of the photograph(s) and/or video(s) as aforesaid or by virtue of any alteration, processing or use thereof in composite form, whether intentional or otherwise.

PHOTOGRAPH(S) AND/OR VIDEO(S):

Description(s) _____
Date(s) taken: _____
Photographer: _____

MODEL: I am over twenty-one (21) years of age.

Signature: _____
Print name and address: _____

FOR MINOR: I am the father/mother/guardian of _____
I consent to the foregoing on his/her behalf.

Signature: _____
Print name and address: _____

WITNESS:

Dated: _____
Signature: _____

CAPTION

Please describe the scene, location and/or other pertinent information in the photograph or video in 50 words or less. The caption should be suitable for use in any publication, web site or other format.

Please write legibly or type.
