Rules & Regulations

International Cowpea Festival and Cook-off Photo Contest Deadline Aug. 25, 2025

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The 2025 Cowpea Festival Photo Contest is here, and this year's theme is Recipea for Fun!

We're looking for photos that highlight your favorite family "reci-peas," the people, the dishes, and the traditions that make food special. Whether it's Grandma's Sunday lunch, a backyard cook-out, or your kids learning to cook, we want to see how your family serves up fun and flavor.

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Photos can feature people, food, or both. Just make sure they tie into the spirit of family, food and tradition! The contest begins July 2025 and ends on Aug. 25, 2025.

Judging will take place August 25, and awards will be announced at the International Cowpea Festival and Cook-off on Sept. 13, 2025, in Charleston, Tennessee.

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Who can enter?
The competition is open to everyone, except International Cowpea Festival and Cook-off organizers. The contest is open to any amateur photographer (one who does not regularly receive income from photography) who lives in Tennessee. Young photographers are encouraged to enter the Budding Artists division for those 15 and younger.

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Who will judge the photos?
Professional photography experts will judge the photos.

What happens to the winning photos?
The winning photos will be displayed at the International Cowpea Festival and Cook-off and will receive recognition on www.cowpeafestival.com and other sites at the discretion of the festival organizers.

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What are the rules for entry?

1. Entries must be received in digital format only by Aug. 25, 2025. Photos may be used in regional promotional materials with photo credit given when possible. Cell phone photos may be entered in the contest IF the photos are the largest size possible.

2. Professional photographers (photography as a primary source of income) are NOT eligible to enter.

3. Entrants may only submit their own original photographs.

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4. Entries should include photos taken to tie into the spirit of family, food and tradition.

5. For each photo you upload, please include the following:

a. Your name

b. Your email address

c. Your postal address

d. Your telephone number

e. The place photo was taken.

f. Month/year the photo was taken.

g. A title for your photo.

h. The name(s) with proper spelling of any human subject depicted and a signed copyright and subject-release form (provided on website).

i. Your age (if entering the Children's Division).

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6. To submit a photo, fill out the form on the Photo Contest page on the website. www.cowpeafestival.com. Digital files should be a minimum of 1024 x 768 pixels at 300 dpi resolution, supplied in jpeg format, with a maximum file size not to exceed 10 MB. Photos outside this range will not be accepted. Photos may be color or black-and-white. Only digital files may be entered in the contest. Cell phone photos will be accepted if they are submitted at maximum file size.

7. Please send one email per entry to avoid transmission problems.

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8. Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. ICFC retains the right to reproduce the winning photographs and crop as deemed necessary/appropriate in other media.

9. Photos will not be sold but will be kept on file for future use by Charleston-Calhoun-Hiwassee Historical Society and Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce.

10. Entries must be your own work.

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11. Entries should not have won previous competitions and should not have been published elsewhere.

12. No responsibility is accepted for ineligible entries or entries made fraudulently.

13. By entering this competition, you are accepting these rules and agree to be bound by them.

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Prizes

Three prizes will be awarded in the adult division in the 2024 contest:

First place—Valued at $100
Second place—Valued at $75
Third place—Valued at $50

One Budding Artist will be recognized: The award will be valued at $50. All winners will receive a professional print of his/her photo.

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Contest Period

April 2024 - Aug. 22, 2024 (Photos taken in 2023 will also be accepted if they fit the contest theme).

Notification of Winners

Winners will be notified by mail or email. Prizes will be awarded during the International Cowpea Festival and Cook-off on Sept. 14, 2024.

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