

Terms of Reference

2025 Photography Competition



The Northwest Territories Association of Architects invites all professional and amateur photographers to submit photos of northern-based architecture and landscape design. The photo subjects can include buildings, interior spaces or outdoor spaces. Help capture and communicate the beauty and excellence of architecture in Canada's three territories, gain exposure for your work and win cash prizes!

CATEGORIES

Entrants may submit photos that capture any of the following:

1. **Public Space** – captures publicly accessible indoor or outdoor environments where people gather, move, interact, and participate in community life.
2. **Architecture** – celebrates the design, form, and expression of buildings and structures.
3. **Interior Architecture** – focuses on the design and experience of interior environments.

ADJUDICATION & SELECTION

Photos are judged on the following criteria:

1. Architectural Expression – How effectively the photograph communicates the architecture or designed space.
2. Composition and Visual Impact – How strong the image is as a photograph.
3. Light and Atmosphere – How effectively the photographer uses light to enhance the subject.
4. Technical Excellence – How well the image is executed.
5. Creativity and Originality – Does the image offer a fresh perspective?

NWTAA has appointed a panel of jurors who will select the recipients of the following cash prizes and honourable mentions. Jurors will select as many or as few honourable mentions as they see fit. All photographs that receive awards will be published to showcase the best of the built environment within Canada's three territories.

PRIZES

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| • First Prize | \$800.00 |
| • Second Prize | \$600.00 |
| • Third Prize | \$400.00 |

There are only 3 prizes available in total that will be chosen from all or in part of the 3 available categories.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & FEES

Each entrant may submit up to five (5) photos.

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| • For the first entry | \$25.00 |
| • For the second entry | \$15.00 |
| • For each entry thereafter | \$10.00 |

All entries must be received by 5:00 PM MST on Thursday, September 17, 2026. Once received by NWTAA, entries cannot be resubmitted. Incomplete submissions will be disqualified.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Entry Form:** All photograph credits and details will be taken from this form. Any errors or omissions will be the responsibility of the entrant, and any incorrect details may disqualify the submission.
2. **Image:** Only digital photos will be accepted. Each image must be a high-resolution (300 DPI or higher) JPEG or TIFF. Images must not contain identifying information, such as watermarks or copyright lines.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARD

The NWTAA will officially announce winners at the October 17, 2026 25th anniversary event.