

## **National Railroad Hall of Fame**

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## NATIONAL RAILROAD HALL OF FAME LAUNCHES NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

**Galesburg, IL** – The National Railroad Hall of Fame is pleased to announce that entries are now being accepted for their 2017-2018 National Photography Contest. Photographers are encouraged to submit photographs that help fulfill the NRRHoF mission to educate and inspire the public about the role that railroads play in building our nation and shaping our future. Twenty-four photographs will be selected for public exhibition by the NRRHoF at the 2018 Railroad Days Festival in Galesburg, Illinois, and contestants have a chance to win up to \$650.00.

Executive Director Julie King said the NRRHoF hopes to see a wide range of rail-related images that tell the story of America's railroads. "We're interested in everything from sweeping images of iconic points across the nation's rail system to the everyday scenes of the people and towns along the way."

Photographers can submit up to three photographs for consideration by a national jury. The twenty-four finalists will then be eligible for Grand Prize, First Place and Second Place titles. Additionally, after the jury process is complete, the public will have a chance to vote electronically for their favorite entry. The entry receiving the most votes from the public will be named "People's Choice." The call will be open from May 1, 2017 until March 31, 2018. Official rules for the contest can be found at NRRHOF.org.

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The National Railroad Hall of Fame celebrates the spirit of the railroaders and honors the men and women of American railroading—visionaries, leaders, trendsetters and ordinary people who made extraordinary contributions. In honoring these leaders, we seek to educate and inspire the public on the role railroads play in building the nation and shaping our future.