

Who is Eligible?

Only amateur photographers are eligible. (An amateur photographer does not possess a professional photographer tax identification number for the sale of photographs). **The photos must be taken in Jefferson County however the photographer is not required to reside in the county.** The contest is not open to any JSWCD Supervisor, staff, or immediate family members. Original photos only NO AI.

Entry

Submit 8x10 print(s) along with a digital copy (if possible) to the JSWCD office by 4:30 on Friday, **October 16th.** Digital prints can be provided on a flash drive or emailed to abrowning@jeffersoncountyoh.com

There is no entry fee and you may enter your work in any of the categories offered. **A total of four (4) photos may be submitted per photographer in one or multiple categories.** Photos must be taken within Jefferson County and PHOTO SUBJECT MATTER MUST BE CONSERVATION/NATURAL RESOURCES RELATED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR JUDGING. Original photos only NO AI.

Each photo submission must be accompanied by an entry and photo release form.

Categories

AMERICA 250 YEARS ON THE LAND

Honoring 250 years of our nation's history, heritage, and connection to the land.

Show us how the land has shaped America.

FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS

From backyard visitors to migratory wonder, share the beauty, behavior, and diversity of birds in their natural habitats.

CONSERVATION IN ACTION

Highlight the projects and practices making a difference in natural resources.

FAVORITE THINGS

Share a photo of something you love in agriculture or the environment.

Judging

First Round:

Entries will be judged to determine appropriate category. First round judges reserve the right to switch prints to a more appropriate category or to disqualify if the entry is not suitable for any of the categories. Photos in each category will be displayed at the JSWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet for voting. Participants need not be present but are invited to attend the event. Event information is available at www.jeffersonswcd.org and our Facebook page.

Second Round:

Those attending the JSWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet on October 26, 2026 will vote for the 1st place winners in each category by secret ballot. The winners will be announced at the closing of this event and recognized on the JSWCD Facebook page and website within a few days following the event.

Judging Criteria: Technical excellence (sharpness, lighting, composition, exposure) • Originality/creativity • Interest (photo features a recognizable center of interest in relationship to the category)

Awards

1st place winner in each category will receive a \$50.00 cash award.

Use of Prints by the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District

Submitted photos are unable to be returned. All entrants agree that any photo submitted to the photo competition may be used for marketing and promotion purposes directly related to the mission of the conservation district. Credit will be given to the photographer when possible. Digital photo provides a clearer image for promotional purposes as opposed to scanned image.

**JEFFERSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2026 ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Photographer's Name (Please Print)	
Address	
Phone	Email
Photography Category (Please Check One) <u> </u> AMERICA 250 YEARS ON THE LAND Honoring 250 years of our nation's history, heritage, and connection to the land. Show us how the land has shaped America. <u> </u> FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS From backyard visitors to migratory wonder, share the beauty, behavior, and diversity of birds in their natural habitats <u> </u> CONSERVATION IN ACTION Highlight the projects and practices making a difference in natural resources. <u> </u> FAVORITE THINGS Share a photo of something you love in agriculture or the environment. Give a description of the photo including <u>location</u> of where it was taken in Jefferson County, approximate <u>date</u> photo taken and any other details you would like to include. Please include a <u>title</u> for your photo.	
Signing of this entry form grants Jefferson SWCD use of submitted photograph on printed material, social media, website, and in displays without having to notify the participant of said uses and without compensation. _____ Signature of Photographer All entries must be received in the JSWCD office at 500 Market Street, Mezzanine Suite 4, Steubenville, OH 43952 by 4:30 on Friday, October 16, 2026. Phone: 740-264-9790 abrowning@jeffersoncountyoh.com	

FORM MAY BE REPRODUCED/One photo entry per entry form. Form also available at www.jeffersonswcd.org



Thank you for participating in the JSWCD annual natural resources conservation photo contest. We look forward to receiving your submission(s). Best of LUCK!