

Guidelines of the
3rd Volunteerism Photo Contest

I. OBJECTIVES

The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) proposes to conduct the 3rd Volunteerism Photo Contest to advocate volunteerism and the benefits and contributions of volunteers to development. The Photo Contest also aims to promote creative arts which is part of the government's ten-point socioeconomic agenda.

II. THEME

The theme of the contest is "*Volunteerism for Development!*", highlighting the significant contribution of volunteerism in nation-building.

III. MECHANICS

A. Eligibility

The contest is open to Filipinos 18 years old and above as of 15 July 2019. The participants may be professional, hobbyists, enthusiasts or amateur photographers.

Officials and employees of PNVSCA and their relatives up to the second degree of affinity or consanguinity are not allowed to join the contest.

B. Specifications of entries

1. Entries must adhere to the following requirements:
 - a. Must be an action, original and colored photo.
 - b. Should have a resolution of 300 dpi or higher and a size of 2400 x 3000 pixels.
 - c. Should not be digitally enhanced or altered. (e.g. colorizing, sepia, special effects, High Dynamic Range). Cropping, contrast and sharpness adjustments are the only modifications allowed.
2. The photograph must be taken from 2017- 2019 in the Philippines by the participant himself or herself.
3. The photograph must not include the participant or any organization's name, brand, material or content.
4. The entry shall include the title of the photo, description of the photo, the activity, event or occasion, and the date and place where the photo was taken.
5. Entries should have not been submitted to or won in any other contests nor have been published or shown in any local or international publications and/or other media outfits.
6. Entries should not contain any obscene, offensive, or inappropriate content.
7. National and local government officials cannot be used as subjects.
8. The participant is responsible for securing a formal permission from any person/s or organization/s which appears in the photo. In the case of a minor who appeared

in the photo, the participant must secure a permission from the minor's parent or guardian.

C. Submission of entries

1. A maximum of two (2) entries per participant will be accepted with the following specifications:
 - a. a digital copy (.jpeg, .JPG, or .png format) burned in a rewritable CD
 - b. a printed copy, 5R (5x7 inches) in size, on a matte or glossy finish photographic paper. The photograph must have an English or Filipino title; and the participant's name at the back.
 - c. entry form and/or consent form. Both are available for download at www.pnvzca.gov.ph and www.facebook.com/PNVSCA.
2. The participant must submit the digital and printed copies of the above to:

Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency
Ground Floor, Sugar Center Building, North Avenue,
Diliman, Quezon City
3. Submission of entries shall be from 15 July - 30 September 2019. If necessary, PNVSCA reserves the right to extend the deadline of the contest.
4. Incomplete entries upon receipt or entries not relevant to the theme will not be considered.
5. All entries will be acknowledged upon receipt.
6. The copyright will remain with the participants. However, the PNVSCA reserves the right to use all submitted photographs and the captions in its advocacy activities without compensation but with due credit to the participant.

IV. AUDIENCE'S CHOICE AWARD

To further promote volunteerism as well as the Facebook Page of PNVSCA, there will be an Audience's Choice Award. The photo with the most number of likes will earn the Audience's Choice Award.

V. CRITERIA

The entries will be judged according to the following criteria:

Relevance to the theme. The photograph shall reflect that volunteerism is an important tool for development.	30%
Craftsmanship. The photograph must consider the artistic and technical aspects of photography in the presentation.	30%
Uniqueness. The photograph must have a distinctive quality or element that sets it apart from others.	20%
Impact. The photograph must evoke an emotional feeling and stimulate the imagination of the audience to connect to the photo and its message.	20%
Total	100%

VI. JUDGING AND SELECTION OF WINNERS

- A. All entries shall be pre-screened by the PNVSCA to ensure compliance to the mechanics and relevance to the theme. Entries that do not comply with the specifications and entry requirements shall be disqualified.
- B. At the close of submission period, all qualified entries will be posted in the PNVSCA Facebook to select an Audience Choice Award.

- C. The decision of the Board of Judges, to be selected by PNVSCA, is final and irrevocable.
- D. The winners will be notified by the PNVSCA through official letters and announced in the PNVSCA website and Facebook account.

VII. AWARDS AND PRIZES

- A. The winners will receive Certificates of Recognition and the following cash prizes:
 - One (1) Grand Prize Winner: Php 25,000.00 (inclusive of tax)
 - Ten (10) Runners-up: Php 10,000.00 each (inclusive of tax)
 - One (1) Audience Choice Awardee: Php 5,000.00 (inclusive of tax)
- B. All qualified participants will receive Certificates of Appreciation.