

Term

The First Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest begins August 22, 2009 and ends November 20, 2009. Through submission of a photo, the entrant agrees to the Official Guidelines and Rules and warrants that the entry complies with all the requirements given in the Official Guidelines and Rules. This is a merit based photo contest and ability to win does not increase with the amount of submissions per entrant.

Eligibility

The Photo Contest is open to Cleveland State University students who have studied abroad during the 2008-2009 school year (September 1, 2008 to September 1, 2009). The entrant must also be over 18 years of age.

How to Enter

To enter, visit www.csuohio.edu/offices/international/study_abroad/photocontest.html. Complete entry form. Submit entry form with all required information. The entrant may submit multiple photos, but must complete a photo description for each submitted photo. Submitted photos should be from the student's study abroad experience and indicative of the student's interaction with the local population, culture, or landscape. If the entrant submits more than one (1) photo, the contest judges may at their discretion disqualify all entrant's photos or choose one (1) photo to go forward with judging. Each photo must be submitted in digital format. No hard copy submissions will be accepted. The photo does not need to be taken with a digital camera; scans of photos are also acceptable. All photos must be submitted in files of 2 megabytes or smaller, must be in JPEG or .jpg format, and, if a horizontal image, at least 1600 pixels wide, and, if a vertical image, at least 1600 pixels tall.

The photo must have been taken within one year of the entry date, and must not have been previously published. Minor corrections, at the discretion of the contest judges, may be acceptable. Photos that include other works of art will be accepted as long as it does not infringe on the works copyright.

The photo must be single work of original material taken solely by the entrant. The photograph must not contain objectionable or inappropriate content, to the sole discretion of the study abroad staff and contest judges.

Contest Prizes

There will be a First and Second place prize. The prize is non-transferable and there is no cash alternative available. The first and second place winning photos will also be displayed in Café Ah-Roma during the Spring 2010 term.

Winners will be notified by email within two (2) weeks of the submission deadline. Winners must acknowledge receipt of notification email within ten (10) to collect their prizes.

Judging

Submissions will be judged by a panel of Cleveland State employees. The study abroad staff will not be judges. All entries will be judged on the following criteria: (1) aesthetics – 50% and (2) cultural awareness – 50%. The decision of the judges is final.

Use of Submissions

First and second place winning photos as well as honorable mentions will be enlarged and displayed. By entering the contest, the entrant agrees to give the CSU study abroad office permission to use the entered photos, even non-winning photos, in marketing activities, publications and on the web for the purpose of promoting CSU study abroad.