

The IBEW's 2026 Photo Contest

Enter Today Through Oct. 31

Prizes:

1st Place - \$1,000

2nd Place - \$750

3rd Place - \$500

Honorable Mentions: Eight awards of \$200 each for these branches:

Outside Construction

Inside Construction

Utility

Manufacturing

Broadcasting

Government

Railroad

Telecommunications

Photo Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to active or retired IBEW members only. The person submitting the photo must be the person who took the photograph. Members may enter up to five photos each.
2. International officers and staff are not eligible.
3. Photos can be submitted as digital files of at least 300 dpi, measuring 1,200 by 1,800 pixels at minimum, in color or black and white. Larger files are encouraged.
4. All submissions become property of the IBEW Media Department.
5. Photo entries must have an IBEW theme of some sort, with members at work, engaged in a union-related activity, or featuring subjects conveying images of the electrical industry or the union.
6. Entrants must give a brief description of the photo on the entry form. If members are featured in the photo, they should be identified. If large groups are pictured, the name of the group or the purpose of the gathering (e.g., a safety committee, a linemen's rodeo, a union meeting) can be submitted in place of individual names.
7. Photos previously published in IBEW publications or on the website are not eligible for submission.
8. Entries must be submitted electronically via the Photo Contest link on [ibew.org](https://www.ibew.org). Please contact the Media Department at media@ibew.org or 202-728-6102 with additional questions.

9. Up to 15 finalists will be selected and posted on ibew.org for final judging by the public. The winners will be featured in a future issue of The Electrical Worker.

Photo Guidelines

Here are some guidelines that will help ensure that the photos you send in for the contest look as good to the rest of the world as they do to you:

- Pay close attention to pixel width and resolution. Generally, we need at least 300 dpi, measuring 1,200 by 1,800 pixels at minimum. Most computer programs have a "Properties" tab you can use to check pixel width and file size.
- Another good indication of image quality is file size. Typically, the file size should be listed in megabytes (MB). A file size listed in kilobytes (kb) is too small.
- Always err on the side of uploading a larger photo.
- Cameras also have adjustable settings for photo resolution. For print quality, camera settings should be set to an image size of 5 megapixels or higher. If you're unsure about the settings, a good rule of thumb is to set the camera to the highest quality setting it allows.
- Cellphone photos can be acceptable. Newer-model smartphones usually produce files that are high enough in resolution.