

Metro-North Calendar Contest Terms & Conditions

Contest Information

Metro-North Commuter Railroad Corporation (“Metro-North”) is hosting the Metro-North Calendar Contest (the “Contest”), which begins April 15, 2026, and ends April 29, 2026, at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time. Each individual (“Contestant”) who submits an entry or entries (the “Photograph(s)”) into the Contest agrees to the Terms and Conditions of the Contest stated herein and states that they are 18 years old or older.

The Contest is free to enter, no purchase necessary.

Eligible Contestants

The Contest is open to individuals 18 years old or older. MTA employees and other individuals affiliated with the MTA are also eligible to enter the Contest, except those involved in the selection of winners. The Contest is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

Eligible Photographs

To be eligible for submission, a Photograph must have been shot by the Contestant since January 1, 2020. The Contestant certifies that they are the sole creator and copyright owner of the Photograph(s). Photograph(s) may be deemed ineligible for the following reasons:

- They contain third-party content;
- They contain illegal, offensive, or otherwise inappropriate content;
- They were not created by the Contestant; and
- Any other reason as determined at the discretion of Metro-North.

Photographs capturing people will be ineligible. Photographs taken from drone cameras will be accepted, but the Contestant must submit their Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 License for their submission to be eligible. Photographs must be taken from publicly accessible areas such as Metro-North station platforms. Any Photographs that look like they were taken from unsafe places will be disqualified. Photographs must be taken in accordance with federal, state and local laws.

Cropped photos are eligible for submission. Minor adjustments, including the removal of sensor dust or scratches on scans of negatives, dodging and burning, sharpening, contrast, toning, slight color adjustment and conversion to grayscale are acceptable. The addition and subtraction of objects is not permitted. Images generated or manipulated with Artificial Intelligence are not permitted. Photograph(s) should be in horizontal format and in high resolution JPG file format with a 16 MB maximum file size.

Contestants may submit up to three Photograph(s) for consideration in the Contest.

Metro-North may, at its discretion, disqualify Photographs that it believes are ineligible due to noncompliance with the requirements listed above.

Entry Method

Contestants may enter through the form at <https://www.research.net/r/mnrcontest>.

MNR Selection

Metro-North will determine whether the Photograph(s) shall be chosen as potential winners in the Contest and the eligibility of the Contestant in its sole discretion. Metro-North will select 12 images to be utilized in its 2027 calendar and the upcoming Metro-North Open House as potential winners. The calendars will be printed and made available for purchase by PIQ-POP, LLC (PIQ) pursuant to Metro-North and PIQ's licensing agreement. Contestants who submitted Photographs selected to be utilized by Metro-North will receive VIP Tickets to the Metro-North's 2026 Open House to be held at the Croton-Harmon shops on October 3, 2026, and a selection of Metro-North/Grand Central-branded merchandise.

Photographs will be judged on their aesthetic and how well they depict Metro-North's service area and the changing seasons.

Photographs selected as potential winners will be announced in late August or early September and the Contestants who submitted the winning Photographs will be contacted via an email to the address listed in their submission form and via a second email if no response is received following the first. An alternate potential winner may be selected if no response is received after the second email. Metro-North has complete discretion in selecting and reaching out to alternate potential winners.

Metro-North plans to distribute prizes at Metro-North's 2026 Open House on October 3, 2026. If a potential winner is unable to attend the Open House, Metro-North plans to send out the prize by October 31.

Metro-North has exclusive power to interpret the rules of the Contest, and Metro-North's decisions regarding any and all matters related to the contest are final and binding.

License

By submitting an entry, each Contestant irrevocably grants Metro-North, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and any of their subsidiaries or affiliates (collectively, the "MTA") a non-exclusive, transferable right and license, indefinitely and throughout the world, to exploit the Photograph(s) shot by the Contestant, in all formats and media, whether now or

hereafter known, in connection with the MTA's design, marketing, advertising, and promotion of and on its services and goods (the "License"). Without limitation on the foregoing, the License shall include the right to: (i) display or otherwise exploit the Photograph(s) in the MTA's product designs, packaging, labeling, advertising, and marketing materials; and (ii) modify, edit, reproduce, distort, combine with other materials, translate, include in collective works, and create derivative works of the Photograph(s), in whole or in part.

The Contestant acknowledges that they will not be entitled to payment for the MTA's use of the Photograph(s) and waives any right to any royalty or any other compensation with regard to the MTA's use of the Photograph(s).

The Contestant releases any rights, claims, demands and/or any causes of action by them or their representatives in connection with the MTA's use of the Photograph(s).

Publicity Release

By submitting an entry, each Contestant grants permission to the MTA, in perpetuity, a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to reproduce, display, exhibit, publish, broadcast, distribute, and otherwise use, and permit others to use, the Contestant's name as specified in their Contest submission for materials created in connection with the Contest for purposes of attribution.

Attribution

The MTA shall provide credit in connection with any use or publication of the Photograph(s) in the manner requested by the Contestant in the submission form under their "Full Name".

Indemnification

Any potential winners must agree to indemnify and hold the MTA and PIQ, along with the MTA and PIQ's affiliates, officers, directors, employees, subsidiaries, agents, and permitted assigns, harmless from and against any and all third party claims, losses, liabilities, damages, expenses, and costs, including reasonable outside attorneys' fees and court costs, to the extent arising out of the potential winner's: (i) negligence or willful misconduct in their entry/entries; or (ii) material breach of any of the Terms & Conditions of the Contest.

Choice of Law

These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York without regard to its conflict of laws principles.