

2021 Photo Contest Rules and Guidelines

1. All entries must be a digital photograph submitted through the BEC website at BanderaElectric.com/photocontest.
2. Each photo entry must:
 - embody small town charm (i.e. friendly, quaint, delightful, unique or special)
 - be taken within the BEC service territory
 - be in its original state and cannot be altered in any way, including but not limited to removing, adding, reversing, or distorting subjects within the frame. Color touch ups are permitted.
 - Be submitted in .jpeg, .jpg or .gif format, edited for web in sRGB color space, at least 2,000 pixels wide and no larger than 10 MB.
 - Not be grainy, blurry or pixelated.
3. Only one entry per member household will be accepted. Photographer must be 18 years or older and an active BEC member or live in a BEC-serviced household at time of entry.
4. For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must be prepared to provide a model release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian, to BEC upon request. **A sample model release form is available at BanderaElectric.com/PhotoContest.**
5. No copyrighted materials may be used for this contest. Written permission must be obtained and provided upon request for all copyrighted materials (such as sculptures, statues, paintings, and other copyrightable works). When photographing the work of others, it must be as an object in its environment and not a full-frame close-up of another person's creation.
6. There is no entry fee.
7. Entries may be submitted through the BEC website beginning on September 1, 2021. The deadline for submissions is 5:00 pm (central time, US) on October 15, 2021. Winners will be announced in December of 2021.
8. All portions of the online entry form must be completed when entrants upload their photo for it to be eligible.
9. Content must comply with all local and national laws of the country of origin and the United States. Content must not 1) promote illegal behavior; 2) support racial, religious, sexual or other invidious prejudice; 3) advocate sexual or violent exploitation; 4) violate rights established by law or agreement; 5) invade the privacy of any person; or 6) be otherwise inappropriate as determined by BEC in its sole and conclusive determination.
16. The judges' decision is final. Entries will be judged based upon creativity and how well they address the required elements outlined above.
17. You retain your rights to your photograph; however, by entering the contest, you grant BEC (and those authorized by BEC) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of the magazine and its website, exhibition, and commercial products, including but not limited to BEC and Texas Co-op Power

publications. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. BEC will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

18. Member should keep at least one copy of their photo. BEC is not responsible for photos that are lost, damaged, or that do not upload properly.

21. Entrants agree to be bound by the official contest rules and decisions of the judges.

Prizes:

First Place: \$300 gift card, inclusion in *Texas Co-op Power*.

Second Place: \$200 gift card, inclusion in *Texas Co-op Power*.

Third Place: \$100 gift card, inclusion in *Texas Co-op Power*.