

THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER PAHO/WHO STAFF MEMBERS (AFSM)

THE COLOMBIA CHAPTER – AFSM CC

2025 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST – RULES

1. **Objective.** To promote among all former PAHO/WHO employees, as well as their spouses and children, creative activity in the art of photography through the use of any photographic equipment, including cell phone cameras.
2. **Photograph themes.** The themes are: Older Adults, Poverty, and Free Theme. They may not contain religious, political, or sexual content.
3. **Number of photographs.** Each participant may submit a maximum of three (3) photographs for one or more of the three themes. All must be their own. Photographs may not be the result of montages, content alterations through retouching using editing applications, or processed in any way with artificial intelligence.
4. **Submission of photographs.** They must be sent as digital files in *jpg format* to concursofotosafsm@gmail.com . In each submission to this account, please include a single digital file corresponding to the photograph being entered. In the subject line, please write: a) Name of the photo, b) Theme (Elderly, Poverty, or Free Theme), and c) Author's name, nationality, and correspondence address.
5. As with all artwork, each photograph must have **a title or short name** that allows for identification. This should not contain any explanation.
6. Printed works should not be sent in physical form.
7. **Exhibition.** The AFSM-CC may hold a virtual exhibition of participating entries or a selection of them, depending on the number of photos received. The copyright will always be retained by each contestant.
8. **Contest Duration.** This contest will open on June 23, 2025, and close on November 30, 2025.
9. **Jury.** The Jury will be comprised of the following four persons: Edgar Serna from the Colombia Chapter, contest coordinator; Marilyn Rice from AFSM-Regional; Carlos Aguiar, professional photographer; and Clemente Arrieta, creative photographer.
10. **Awards.** There will be an Overall Contest Winner selected by the Jury from among all the photographs submitted for all themes, who will receive a special prize. In addition, there will be first, second, and third place winners in each of the three themes,

whose winners will also receive prizes, for a total of 10 winners. In addition to the prizes, all winners will receive diplomas for their outstanding participation. The contest winners will be announced in due course.

11. The photographs and names of the winners will be disseminated through AFSM Regional media.

12. The Colombian Chapter of AFSM appreciates disseminating these rules among the invited participants and encouraging participation in this second contest with the support of AFSM Regional: PAHO/WHO retirees, their spouses, and children.

Edgar Serna, Contest Coordinator

Alberto Concha Eastman, President AFSM-CC

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