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The International Youth Creative Photography Contest „Šviesos akimirkos | Light Moments“ Regulations

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The regulations of the International Youth Photography Contest define the objectives, requirements for participants, organization of the contest, evaluation of works, and the procedure for awarding winners.
2. The organizer of the International Youth Creative Photography Contest is the Šiauliai Technology Training Centre.
3. The theme of the contest is „Šviesos akimirkos | Light Moments“, which is included in the Šiauliai city anniversary event cycle ”Šiaulių dienos 790“
<https://www.siauliaisvencia.lt/produktas/renginiai/parodos/fotografiju-parodos-sviesios-akimirkos-790-linkejimu-saules-miestui-atidarymas/>
4. This contest invites young people to explore the artistic expression of light and shadow in everyday life, their relationship with surrounding objects, and to creatively reveal it through photography. The photographs may depict various themes in which light becomes the main artistic element.

II. OBJECTIVES

5. To encourage young people's interest in photography and cultural cooperation.
6. To develop students' and young people's artistic and creative abilities as well as international competencies.
7. To organize an exhibition of photographs selected by the jury.

III. PARTICIPANTS

8. Young people from Lithuania and foreign countries may take part in the contest.
9. Participants are evaluated in three groups:
Group I – 14–16 years old;
Group II – 17–21 years old;
Group III – professionals (up to 35 years old).

IV. REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

10. One author may submit up to three photographs.
11. Each photo file must be named as follows: name_surname_age_photo number
12. Technical requirements:

- format – JPG (JPEG);
 - resolution – not less than 300 dpi;
 - file size 1-3 MB.
13. Works whose content promotes violence, discrimination, religious or ethnic discord, or violates the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania, will not be evaluated.

V. SUBMISSION OF WORKS

14. Participant application forms and works are submitted via „Google Forms“: <https://forms.gle/7vyuhMMSUACEeMCz7>
15. Personal data controller – Šiauliai Technology Training Centre. Participants' personal data is processed only for the purposes of organizing, administering, and publicizing the contest, in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
16. Works are accepted until **May 18, 2026** inclusive.
17. Late submissions or works that do not meet the technical or other requirements of the Regulations will not be evaluated.

V. EVALUATION AND AWARDS

18. Contest works are evaluated by professional photographers and photography art experts.
19. Evaluation criteria:
- a. Technical execution of the photo.
 - b. Creativity.
 - c. Revelation of the theme.
20. Participants are awarded diplomas from the Šiauliai Technology Training Centre, and the winners receive prizes from the organizers and sponsors. In each category, three winning places and one additional nomination are awarded. The first- place winners in each category receive 200 EUR cash prizes, established by the sponsors. Teachers who consulted the participants are issued certificates.
21. Ten winning works and additional nominations are printed and exhibited at the Šiauliai concert hall „Saulė“ and other public spaces in Šiauliai.
22. The contest winners are announced on the Šiauliai Technology Training Centre website (www.stmc.lt) and on social media networks.
23. The winners will be invited to attend the awards ceremony, which will take place on June 2, 2026, at 12:00 PM at the Šiauliai concert hall „Saulė“ (Tilžės st. 140, Šiauliai), during the exhibition opening.

VI. CONTEST PARTNERS AND SPONSORS:

24. Šiauliai Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts.
25. Advertising agency UAB „Gorila reklama“
26. Šiauliai Culture Centre
27. Šiauliai 1st Music School
28. Šiauliai Museum of Photography
29. Advertising agency „Saulės dukros“
30. Information centre “Europe direct”

VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

31. Organizers have the right to use submitted photographs for non-commercial purposes, for publicizing the contest and popularizing students' photography, including publication in the online space – without separate author consent and without paying royalties (while indicating authorship).
32. By submitting photographs and the participant form, authors confirm that they are the creators of the submitted photographs. Participants who sent the photographs are responsible for violations of copyright according to valid legal acts.
33. Participation in this contest signifies the authors' agreement with all the terms of the Regulations.
34. The contest is coordinated by Šiauliai Technology Training Centre vocational teachers: Lina Mišeikienė, tel. (0 610) 02 326 and Renata Chvoinkovienė, tel. (0 676) 16 525

VIII. ORGANIZERS

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