



2021 HUOA Okinawan Festival Photo Contest

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association is looking for your kokua (help) in documenting our 2021 Virtual Okinawan Festival. Our goal is to gather and archive photos from this event to document the experience and preserve the rich history of the Okinawan culture.

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Contest is open to HUOA members and the public. Prizes will be mailed to Hawaii/USA addresses only¹.
2. **PRIZES:** HUOA Okinawan Festival prize pack. A total of 4 prizes will be awarded. 2 winners for each theme. Winners will be contacted by email and winning photos will be shared on our website, Uchinanchu Newsletter, and social media channels.
3. **THEMES:**
 - a. **Ohana (family)** - It is the people that make us who we are. Through this theme, we wish to capture the spirit of Ohana (family) in this year's festival.
 - b. **Show us your Food** - Take a photo of what you are eating or cooking during the virtual Okinawan Festival. Please add restaurant name and name or description of dish. Note: Feel free to re-plate your take-out.

Here is a listing of places on Oahu that offer Okinawan food or are Okinawan owned:

<https://www.hawaiiokinawans.com/>

4. **CRITERIA:** Photos will be judged on originality, composition, style, and the ability to embody the overall festival theme of "Sharing Uchinanchu Aloha"
5. **SUBMISSION PROCESS:**
 - a. **Photos must be taken from 9/4/2021 to 9/5/2021. All entries must be received by HUOA by 9/7/2021 (10:00 PM Hawaii Standard Time).** Entries must be submitted directly to the following link: <https://andagi.wufoo.com/forms/2021-okinawan-festival-photo-contest/>
 - b. Maximum of 2 photos for each theme, submitted per participant

6. JUDGING PROCESS:

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: September 7, 2021, 11:59 pm HST

COMMITTEE SELECTION: September 8, 2021 - September 13, 2021

PUBLIC ONLINE VOTING: We will invite the public to vote online for their favorite photos.



Public voting will be conducted from September 14, 2021, 8:00 am HST through September 20, 2021, 11:59 pm HST. Visit www.huoa.org or www.okinawanfestival.com to access the voting site. The winners will be notified via email, as described below, and then, announced via HUOA's social media, Purple Blast and website huoa.org.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS: Week of September 20, 2021

7. NOTIFICATION OF WINNER: Winners will be notified by email after the final public voting has taken place, via the email address provided with entry.

At the sole discretion of HUOA, disqualification, forfeiture and the selection of an alternate winner may result from any of the following:

- a. Winner's failure to respond to notification within three (3) business days after its transmission.
- b. The return of an email notification as undeliverable after three (3) attempts.

8. PUBLICITY CONSENT: By participating, all participants and winner(s) grant the Hawaii United Okinawa Association exclusive permission to use their names, photographs, voices, submitted photographs, and likenesses in connection with the promotion of this and other contests and waive any claims to royalty, right, or remuneration for such use. We will not share your personal contact information without your permission.

9. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Participant must be the photographer and the sole owner of the photo. By entering the contest, you agree that the submission is your own work.
- b. Photo cannot infringe on any copyright, statutory, common law or other rights of any person, entity, firm or corporation.
- c. HUOA shall retain rights to all photos submitted and has the right to use and publish the photos for HUOA related purposes.
- d. For any winning photos in which a person/persons is/are recognizable, you must provide a "model release" from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian. [A sample model release is available here.](#)

The Hawaii United Okinawa Association reserves the right to change or discontinue the contest at any time and/or to extend the end date.

¹ USPS defines all "territories and possessions" as domestic, as well as APO/FPO/DPO -military addresses-. USPS also treats the following "freely associated states" as domestic - Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Palau.

Prizes will not be available for "Winners" from outside Hawaii/USA. Winners from outside Hawaii/USA shall be featured on the HUOA website, in the HUOA Uchinanchu newsletter, HUOA PurpleBlast, and during the HUOA Yuntaku Live! streaming show.