



# NYS Senator Dean Murray is Hosting a Student Photo Contest!

*"Liberty Through the Lens: Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of America"*

NYS Senator Dean Murray is accepting submissions of **one original photograph** taken by participating students. Photographs should be taken in student's local hometown or school district. The participant's photograph must fall under one of the following categories: *Hometown Pride*, *America Through the Decades*, or *What Freedom Means to You*.

## Photo submissions must fall under one of the following categories:

- 1. Hometown Pride:** Use of nature and/or architecture to highlight a Revolutionary War-era location or landmark.
- 2. America Through the Decades:** Use of nostalgic or historic props from any decade to evoke the enduring sense of American freedom.
- 3. What Freedom Means to You:** Use of the participant's open-ended imagination to capture a personalized interpretation of the American Revolution and/or American Liberty.

**Age group:** Grades 9-12

**Submission type:** JPEG, JPG, or PNG

**Submission start date:**

Monday, March 2, 2026

**Submission deadline:**

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Submissions must be sent to: [murray@nysenate.gov](mailto:murray@nysenate.gov).

**"Photo Contest Entry"** must be written in the subject line to be considered. Include *full name, grade, school, title of photograph, and category type* in the body of the email.

Winners will be announced on April 17, 2026, and details for an award ceremony will follow. For further information or questions, please contact Senator Murray's District Office at (631) 360-3356.



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