

American Meteorological Society announces winners of the 2026 AMS Photo Contest

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) today announced the winners of its [2026 AMS Photo Contest](#), which received submissions from 1,075 photographers across 84 countries.

The winners of the 2026 AMS Photo Contest are as follows.

Grand Prize

Jaroslav Fous, “Diamond Dust Sky Eye”



Second Place

Chris Elkinton, “Sea Dragon”



Third Place

Roberto Bueno, "Cirrus, the Veils of the Moon"



Members' Choice

Jeremy Janus, "Rainbow Cataclysm"



Held annually (and formerly titled the AMS Weather Band Photo Contest), the AMS Photo Contest invites original photography submissions depicting themes of weather, water, and climate. Three winners are selected by a panel of [judges](#), and one Members' Choice winner is selected by members of the AMS. Winners receive cash prizes ranging from \$200 to \$500.

[View winning entries and contest finalists.](#)

[Read the story of each winning photo on AMS Headlines.](#)

About the American Meteorological Society

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