



**WATER
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BABY PHOTO CONTEST APPLICATION

Return form and fees to:
Monticello-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce
420 W Washington Street, Monticello FL

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Division: Boy Girl

Age Category (as of June 1st, 2026):

- Newborn to 5 months 2 years 5 years
 6 months - 11 months 3 years
 1 years 4 years

Child's Address: _____
(Child must reside full time in Jefferson County, Florida)

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone Number and Email: _____

ENTRY FEE: \$10 required entry fee due at submission

People's Choice Awards: Yes No

Check **YES** or **NO** above if you want your child's photo entered in the People's Choice Award category online at MonticelloWatermelonFestival.com. This category will be available for online votes for \$2 each and voting will take place on the watermelon festival website. This category is separate from the age category winners in each division.

I do hereby agree to abide by the rules, regulations, and guidelines of this contest. The contest director/staff/venue will not be held liable for any injury, loss, or damage before, during, or after meetings, rehearsals, competitions, any and all future events, etc. The judges' decisions are final and nonnegotiable. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN** (unless contest is cancelled). I attest to the truthfulness of the information provided and that the child being entered is a full time resident in Jefferson County, Florida. I agree that my family and I will show forth good conduct at all times.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date of Signature

Deadline to enter is Monday, June 1st, 2026



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Rules & Guidelines

- All contestants must be **full-time** residents of Jefferson County, Florida.
- A boy and a girl winner will be named in each age category
 - Last year's baby photo contest winners are not eligible for this year's contest.
 - Judges will view the photos without any names and must not be related to any participant.
 - Watermelon and Stars & Stripes are strongly encouraged but not required.
 - This contest is to show the child's personality through the photo, not a professional photo contest. While quality and clarity of the photo is important and is given consideration, the judges will be instructed to look for the baby photo that appeals to them and really shows the individual child.
- This contest is for fun and promotes the festival and the community of Jefferson County.
- Photos will be on display at a selected downtown storefront.
- The winners will be notified by phone and/or email no later than **June 5th**
- Awards will be presented at the Kick-off Dinner held on **June 12th**
- Parents of winning baby photos will be responsible for organizing and decorating a float/car for the Watermelon Parade held on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE INFORMATION:

- People's Choice is a separate category where the voting will be conducted online at monticellowatermelonfestival.com by popular votes.
- People's Choice Votes can be purchased online for \$2 a vote by friends and family.
- Your child will only be entered into People's Choice if you choose **YES** on the contest form.

CONTEST DEADLINES AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

- All applications and photo submissions must be received by no later than Monday, June 1st, 2026 by 5:00 PM.
- Entries can be dropped off at the Monticello Chamber of Commerce.
- Entry fee is \$10 per application. Only one submission per child. Cash, Venmo (@MonticelloFLChamber), or by check (made payable to Monticello Chamber of Commerce).
- Photo must be 8 x 10 in size (landscape or portrait format orientation are both acceptable). Photos may be in color or in black and white.
- Child's name and age category should be on the back of the photo.

Pictures will be on display at the Monticello Opera House

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For more information or if you have any questions:
Call: 850-997-5552 or Email: info@monticellojeffersonfl.com



PERMISSION AND RELEASE

I give permission to the Monticello Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, the Watermelon Festival Committee, and all event sponsors, to record the appearance, physical likeness and/or voice on videotape, on film, or digital video disk, and/or take photographs of the appearance

of _____ Age _____,
(please print name of subject) (if minor child)

and to release these images to the news media, use for posting on the Intranet or Internet, use in internal or external publications, or use in any other manner deemed appropriate by the Chamber, Festival, or Sponsor.

I acknowledge that the Monticello Jefferson Chamber of Commerce is the sole owner of all rights in, and to, this visual, sound production, photograph(s), or print material, thereof, and that it has the right to use or reproduce the resulting property as often as it finds necessary. The property may be used indefinitely by television, radio, newspapers, magazines, newsletters, brochures, Internet, intranet, or in other media once released.

The Monticello Jefferson Chamber of Commerce has the right, among other things, to edit and/or otherwise alter the visual or sound recording, or photographs, as needed. I understand I will receive no compensation for the appearance of the above-named person or for participation in said productions. I agree to hold the Chamber, Watermelon Festival Committee and all Sponsors, their employees and other parties harmless against claim, liability, loss, or damage caused by, or arising from, my participation in this activity.

Signature of Subject, Parent
or Legal Guardian

Age (if minor child)

Witness Signature

Relation to Above Named

Age

Witness (Print Name)

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

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Signature
(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian required,
if subject is younger than 18 years old.)

Date