I am at Sharjah Museums
Photography Competition for School Students

About the Competition

The Emirate of Sharjah is home to a variety of museums that focus on topics such as arts, Islamic culture, archaeology, heritage, science, marine life, and the history of Sharjah and the UAE. Sharjah Museums Authority oversees 16 unique museums spread across Sharjah city, Khorfakkan, and Kalba.

Sharjah Museums is excited to announce the second edition of the "**I am at Sharjah Museums**" photography competition 2025.

This year's competition celebrates the topic "Intangible Heritage". On this occasion, SMA invites students to explore how Sharjah Museums preserve and celebrate the intangible elements of heritage that are crucial to the cultural identity of Sharjah and its communities.

In Sharjah, our museums are dedicated not only to preserving objects but also to safeguarding the living cultural practices and traditions that make up our intangible heritage.

What is Intangible Heritage?

Intangible Heritage refers to living cultural practices, expressions, knowledge, and traditions passed down from one generation to another. Intangible heritage represents the customs, rituals, art forms, crafts, and practices that define the identity of a community. It's an essential part of cultural diversity and is crucial in shaping how we understand our past, present, and future.

Examples of Intangible Heritage at Sharjah Museums:

- Art forms including Arabic calligraphy, crafts and local architecture
- Traditional music and folklore
- Oral storytelling and poetry
- Seafaring knowledge, pearl diving, and fishing practices
- Family customs, social practices, and lifestyle
- Archaeological heritage

Competition Target Audience:

- Students cycle 2 and 3 at government and private schools across UAE.

Winners and Prizes

Category	Number of Winning Photos	Prizes
Cycle 2 Students	10	500 AED for each winner
Cycle 3 Students	10	500 AED for each winner

- **Submission Deadline:** Sunday October 12th

- **How to Submit:** Please submit your photos via [Competition@sma.gov.ae]. Be sure to use the **Competition Application Form** with the required document. Other format of application will not be accepted.

- **Winner Announcement**: The results will be announced at the opening ceremony of the exhibition on Thursday November 20th, 2025, 10:00AM, at the Museum of Education in Sharjah "**Al Qasimia School**"

Terms and Conditions

1. Participation is open to all UAE citizens and residents.

2. The submitted photo must be taken at one of the 16 museums under the Sharjah Museums Authority.

3. Photos can be taken with a digital camera or a mobile phone.

4. The photo must be owned by the participant, exclusive to this competition, and not submitted to any other competition.

5. The photo should be taken in 2025, and should not have been submitted to any previous edition of the "I Am at Sharjah Museums" competition.

6. The photo should be free of any signatures and must not be digitally manipulated.

7. Only one photo per participant is allowed.

8. The photo should be in **JPG format** with a resolution of **at least 300 dpi**.

9. Judging criteria for the competition will include **Relevance to the theme, creativity and originality, and composition and technical quality.**

10. Sharjah Museums Authority reserves the right to use the submitted photos for promotional or other purposes without notifying the participant.

11. The **deadline** for submissions is Sunday October 12th

12. The results will be announced during the **exhibition opening** at **the Museum of Education in Sharjah "Al Qasimia School"** on Thursday November 20th, 2025 at 10:00AM.

13. Participant are required to submit the **application form** and required documents via email Competition@sma.gov.ae. Any other formats will not be accepted.

Participation Form استمارة المشاركة

Participant Information		بيانات المشارك
Full Name		الإسم الثلاثي
Student's phone number (if available)		رقم هاتف الطالب (إن وُجد)
Email Address		البريد الإلكتروني
Guardian Phone Number		رقم ولي الأمر
School Name		اسم المدرسة
Student's Grade Level		المرحلة الدراسية للطالب
Photograph Details		بيانات الصورة الفوتوغرافية
Photo Title		عنوان الصورة
Museum Where the Photo Was Taken		المتحف الذي تم التقاط الصورة فيه
Date the Photo Was Taken		تاريخ التقاط الصورة
Photo Description (Maximum 50 words)		وصف الصورة (50 كلمة كحد أقصى)
Required Documents		المستندات المطلوبة

- Copy of the Emirates ID
- The submitted photo in JPG format, with a high resolution of at least 300 dpi.
- Submit the Application form and required documents via email
  Competition@sma.gov.ae

- نسخة من بطاقة الهوية الإماراتية
- الصورة المشاركة بصيغة JPG، وبدقة عالية لا تقل عن 300 dpi.
- يتم إرسال استمارة المشاركة والمستندات المطلوبة على البريد الإلكتروني:
  Competition@sma.gov.ae