



# ADOPTIVE FAMILIES



## SECOND ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST



**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES—SEPTEMBER 10, 2007!**

Think your child can capture America's heart? We're looking for the all-around best portraits and candid photos. If we choose yours, you could win great prizes and see your child in the pages—or on the cover—of *Adoptive Families*.

For details, turn the page or visit [adoptivefamilies.com/photocontest](http://adoptivefamilies.com/photocontest).

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## HOW TO CAPTURE A WINNING SMILE

Take some photos using these five simple tips from *Adoptive Families'* photo contest judges. For more expert advice, visit [adoptivefamilies.com/photocontest](http://adoptivefamilies.com/photocontest).

■ **Keep your camera handy** so you won't miss any great photo opportunities. Be ready to capture your child's moments of happiness, frustration, or surprise. Don't ask her to pose.

■ **Anticipate the moment.** When you shoot your child playing soccer, or on the swings at the playground, push the shutter right *before* he kicks the ball, or just *before* the swing reaches its highest arc—and you'll capture the moment you want.

■ **Don't worship the sun.** You'll get a better photo when the light is even. Try holding a photo shoot about an hour before the sun sets. Or shoot on an overcast day.

■ **Focus on your child.** Avoid distracting backgrounds—including trees or poles that look like they're sticking out of his head!

■ **Resist the urge to center everything.** Hold the shutter halfway down to lock the focus, then shift the camera to one side or the other to include some (simple) background in your composition.

To see the winners of last year's contest, go to [familyalbum.adoptivefamilies.com](http://familyalbum.adoptivefamilies.com) and click on "2006 Photo Contest."

Grand prize winners chosen from two categories— CANDID and FORMAL PORTRAITS —will win **digital camera suites** and deluxe photography packages from Sears Portrait Studios; runners-up in various age groups will receive portrait packages from Sears Portrait Studio.

### Enter the contest in **ONE** of three ways:

- A** Sears Portrait Studio (find the closest one by calling 1-888-PORTRAIT, or by logging on to [searsportrait.com](http://searsportrait.com)) will submit your Sears portrait or will scan your personal photo for submission.
- B** Upload your photos online at: [adoptivefamilies.com/photocontest](http://adoptivefamilies.com/photocontest).
- C** Mail your photos to: *Adoptive Families* Photo Contest, 39 W. 37th St., 15th fl., New York, NY 10018.

Entries must be postmarked or uploaded by **September 10, 2007**, so start snapping now—and watch for the winners in our **November/December** issue and on [adoptivefamilies.com](http://adoptivefamilies.com).

Contest begins **12:00 A.M.** on **April 15, 2007** and ends on **September 10, 2007** at **11:59 P.M. EST**. Mail-in entries must be postmarked by **September 10, 2007 (11:59 P.M. EST)** and received by **September 17, 2007**.

**NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.** Contest open to legal residents of the 50 United States and Washington, D.C., age 18 and older, except employees (and their families) of New Hope Media, LLC and/or Sears Portrait Studios. The contest is subject to all local, state, and federal regulations and is void where prohibited by law.

Each photo may be entered only once and each entry must contain only one photo. A person can submit multiple photos, each as a separate entry. Winners will be required to provide a signed transfer of copyright from the photographer. An entrant must be the adoptive parent or legal guardian of the primary child visible in the photo.

For complete official rules, go to [adoptivefamilies.com/photocontestrules](http://adoptivefamilies.com/photocontestrules).

**ENTRY FORM** (Fill in and clip out this entry form, or a photocopy. Include it with your photo if you are submitting via mail or take it to Sears Portrait Studio if you're having a portrait taken or a personal photo scanned.)

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF PRIMARY CHILD IN PHOTO: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOTO CATEGORY (circle one): **PORTRAIT** or **CANDID**

CHILD'S AGE AT TIME PHOTO WAS TAKEN: \_\_\_\_\_ CHILD'S COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF PHOTOGRAPHER: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELL US WHAT THIS PHOTO CAPTURES (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

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