



U.S. Embassy Photo Contest

Breaking Records, Breaking Boundaries Diversity and Tolerance through Sports

In anticipation of the 22nd Winter Olympics being held in Sochi, Russia, in February 2014, the U.S. Embassy Vienna is organizing a photo contest.

Sports diplomacy is one of the key issues of our new Ambassador Alexa Wesner.

“Sports have been instrumental in building my character. Learning to deliver quality on time, being a team player, and fair play have become guiding principles in my career. Sports provide an ideal setting for integrating minorities and disadvantaged members of society into the mainstream. Sports help define social standards and provide a safe setting for practicing them. Besides, sports are an ideal tool for promoting tolerance and diversity. Last, but not least, sports events are the best examples for a peaceful coming - together of people of all walks of life and social backgrounds.”- Ambassador Wesner

The U.S. Embassy Vienna is inviting Austria’s youth to capture diversity and tolerance in sports photos. Please send your photo with your contact information to embassy@usembassy.at through May 23, 2014.

In addition to the prize listed below, the first-place winner will receive an invitation to the U.S. Independence Day reception and will be recognized by Ambassador Wesner.

Guidelines:

- Participants: students attending Austrian high schools, business or technical schools, 14 to 19 years old;
- 1 photo per participant;
- Photos must be in .jpg format, black/white or color. They must be between 1MB and 3MB (1200 x 900 pixel to 2048 x 1536 pixel) in size. Each submission must have a title and come with the name and contact information of the participant, and preferably have a short description of what is depicted.
- Photos will be judged on their creativity and originality;
- A jury comprised of U.S. Embassy staff will select the winning entry;
- Winners will be announced on the U.S. Embassy website and on the U.S. Embassy Facebook page;
- Submission deadline: May 23, 2014
- Award ceremony: June 2014
- Prizes:
 - 1st prize: iPad
 - 2nd prize: GoPro Hero3
 - 3rd prize: Apple iPod touch 16GB Black/Silver (5th generation)