**OFFICIAL RULES**
**MINNESOTA STATE LOTTERY**
**"Share Your Lottery Story" Free Contest**
**Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 – ~~Friday, April 30, 2021~~ TBD**
**Revised: February 22, 2021; April 28, 2021; December 7, 2022**

1. To be eligible to win a player must:

   A. be at least 18 years of age;

   B. be a resident of the state of Minnesota with a Minnesota U.S. Postal Service mailing address;

   C. have completed the entry form on the Minnesota Lottery Share Your Lottery Story Free Contest webpage (www.mnlottery.com/ShareYourLotteryStory) between 12:00 a.m. Central Time (CT) on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 and 11:59 p.m. CT on ~~April 30, 2021~~ a date to be determined by the Lottery, including uploading a photo, their Lottery story, their name and city (anything entered before clicking Submit has no bearing on the free contest outcome).

2. Employees (including immediate family residing in the same household) of the Minnesota State Lottery (the "Lottery"), employees (including immediate family residing in the same household) of any company that is not eligible to receive a prize from the Lottery pursuant to law or a contract with the Lottery, and all other persons prohibited by law are ineligible to participate or receive a prize from this Free Contest.

3. Eligibility will be determined by the Lottery.

4. The prizewinners will be drawn at random from all eligible entries at Lottery Headquarters by Lottery representatives on or about the first Tuesday of each month for the previous month's entries. The name and city of the prizewinners, their story, and their photo or photos may be posted on mnlottery.com and/or Lottery social media channels following prizewinner verification.

5. One (1) drawing will occur, and one (1) prize will be awarded each month. Each prizewinner will receive $25 in Minnesota Lottery scratch tickets and one (1) Minnesota Lottery T-shirt. The approximate taxable value of the prize is $0. The Lottery reserves the right to substitute or omit prizes based on availability. The Lottery offers no express or implied warranty or guarantee of merchandise prizes. Each player may only win once in this free contest.

6. An entry may be disqualified from this Free Contest for any of the following reasons:

A. the entry contains profanity or illegal activity;

B. the entry demeans, defames, or ridicules others;

C. the Lottery, in its sole and exclusive judgment, determines the entry is not in the best interests of the Lottery or its marketing efforts.

7. The Lottery will verify the prizewinners by using the information provided on the Minnesota Lottery Share Your Lottery Story Free Contest entry form. If the Lottery is unable to verify a winning entrant, the Lottery will deem it to be ineligible and the entrant will not be entitled to any prize.

8. Prizes will be shipped to the winners following winner verification at the address provided in their Winner Affidavit form. If a prize is returned to the Lottery, the Lottery may declare the prize forfeited by the winner and the winner will have no further right to the prize and the Minnesota Lottery may award the prize to an alternate.

9. **The Lottery intends to use the free contest entries for publicity and advertising.** The Lottery may edit entries for length and clarity.

   By entering this Free Contest, prizewinners consent to full use of any and all information, stories, and photos they provide on the entry form (including the entrant's first name and last initial, city, and entry) for publicity, public relations, and content creation purposes, including on Minnesota Lottery social media channels and mnlottery.com by the Minnesota Lottery. By entering this Free Contest, winners grant the Lottery a limited, non-sublicensable, and non-exclusive right to reproduce, use, and make copies of information provided on the entry form. Winners may be required to execute a Winner Affidavit form, and appropriate releases and authorizations. Refusal to do so may result in forfeiture of any prize won. If any information, stories, or photos provided on the entry form include more than the one person, the person entering this Free Contest is responsible for obtaining approval from every person included before the entry is submitted.

10. The prizes are not exchangeable or otherwise transferable. Federal, state, or local taxes on any prize are the sole responsibility of the winner. All applicable federal, state, or local laws apply. Void where prohibited by law.

11. The official dates of this Free Contest are 9:00 a.m. Central Time (CT) on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, and 11:59 p.m. CT on ~~Friday, April 30, 2021~~ a date to be determined by the Lottery.

12. Questions may be referred to the Minnesota Lottery at (651) 635-8273, option #1, or to cs.support@mnlottery.com.

13. These Free Contest rules may be amended at any time by the Minnesota Lottery. By participating, players agree to these official rules and to the decisions of the Minnesota Lottery which will be final and binding in all respects.

14. The Minnesota Lottery is not responsible for delayed, lost, or misdirected electronic submissions made through the Internet.

15. If, for any reason, it is not possible to run all or any part of the Minnesota Lottery Share Your Lottery Story Contest as planned due to, without limitation, errors in these official rules or advertising for this Free Contest, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, human error, or any other cause beyond the control of the Lottery that, in the sole judgment of the Lottery, could corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this contest, the Lottery reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Free Contest.

16. By participating, the prizewinners and participants agree to release and hold harmless the Lottery from any injury, loss, or damage to person, including death, or property due in-whole or in part, directly or indirectly, to participating in any Free Contest–related activity, or participation in the Minnesota Lottery Share Your Lottery Story Free Contest. The Lottery is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of Free Contest materials or the administration of the Free Contest. If for any reason the Lottery is prevented from continuing with this Free Contest, or the integrity and/or feasibility of the Free Contest is severely undermined by any event including but not limited to fire, flood, epidemic, earthquake, explosion, labor dispute or strike, act of God or public enemy, satellite or equipment failure, riot or civil disturbance, war (declared or undeclared), terrorist threat or activity, or any federal, state, or local government law, order or regulation, order of any court or jurisdiction, the Lottery will have the right, in its sole discretion, to abbreviate, modify, suspend, cancel, or terminate the Free Contest without further obligation.