

Golden Ticket Contest Official Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. MAKING A PURCHASE WILL NOT IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW. ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLY.

GIVEAWAY PERIOD

The Golden Ticket Giveaway (the “Giveaway”) begins at 7:00 a.m. eastern on Thursday November 24, 2016 and ends at 3:00 pm on December 1, 2016 (the “Giveaway Period”).

PUBLICATION(S)

The following publication(s) (the “Publication” or “Publications”) are participating in this Giveaway. The Progress-Index

ELIGIBILITY

The Giveaway is open only to legal residents of the United States who reside in the state of Virginia and who are eighteen (18) years of age or older at the time of entry (the “Entrant” or “Entrants”). Employees, contractors and interns of GateHouse Media, LLC and The Progress-Index (together, “GateHouse Media”), and each of their respective divisions, affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies (including, in each case, immediate family members) are not eligible to enter the Giveaway. For purposes of this Giveaway, “immediate family members” is defined as spouses, siblings, parents, children, grandparents, and grandchildren, whether as “in-laws”, or by current or past marriage, remarriage, adoption, co-habitation or other familial extension, and any other persons residing at the same household location, whether or not related. In order to enter the Giveaway or win the prize, the Entrant must comply fully with these official rules (the “Rules”), and by entering agrees to be bound by these Rules and the decisions of GateHouse Media, whose decisions shall be binding and final in all respects.

GIVEAWAY RULES

1. “Golden Tickets” will be randomly inserted into the Thursday November 24, 2016 edition of the Publication(s), including those delivered to home subscribers. The Publication is available for purchase in the tri-cities and surrounding counties.

2. A total of five (5) newspapers will contain a “Golden Ticket”. Approximately 8,500 newspapers will be distributed.

3. Thursday November 24, 2016 editions of The Progress-Index will also be available at no charge during the Giveaway Period at the office of the Publication(s) located at 15 Franklin Street, Petersburg, VA 23803, and will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis while supplies last. The offices of the Publication are open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. eastern time. There is a limit of one (1) newspaper per person per day to be distributed from the Publication’s office during the Giveaway Period.

4. The Giveaway Winner must appear at the offices of the Publication by 3:00 p.m. eastern time on December 1, 2016 (the “Claim Deadline”) to have the potential Winning Ticket verified by a representative of the Publication and the corresponding prize awarded.

5. THE GIVEAWAY WINNER MUST PRESENT THE WINNING TICKET AT THE OFFICES OF THE PUBLICATION. NO PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED IF THE GIVEAWAY WINNER DOES NOT PRESENT THE WINNING TICKET TO THE PUBLICATION.

6. NO WINNING TICKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR VERIFICATION AFTER THE CLAIM DEADLINE.

ODDS OF WINNING

Odds of winning are based on the number of newspapers distributed; five (5) newspapers will contain Winning Tickets.

PRIZES

Each Winning Ticket is worth \$100 cash. A total of \$500 in cash will be awarded in this Giveaway if all five (5) Winning Tickets are verified by the Claim Deadline.

If all five (5) Winning Tickets are not verified by the Claim Deadline, no additional Tickets will be issued and no additional prizes will be awarded.

Each of the potential Giveaway Winners must sign and have notarized an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability and Publicity Release (the “Release”) in order to be eligible to accept the prize. In the event a potential Winner is disqualified for any reason, the prize will be forfeited and no compensation will be given.

No substitution or transfer of the prize will be allowed, except at the sole discretion of GateHouse Media. GateHouse Media reserves the right to substitute prizes of equal or greater value.

TAXES

All local, state and federal taxes incurred by accepting a prize will be the sole responsibility of the Giveaway Winner. Any person winning over \$600 in prizes during any one year period will receive an IRS Form 1099 at the end of the calendar year, and a copy of such form will be filed with the IRS. Each of the Giveaway Winners will be announced in a future edition of the Publication.

The decisions of GateHouse Media will be final as to all matters.

CONDITIONS

By entering, an Entrant agrees to comply with these Rules and the decisions of GateHouse Media, which are binding and final, and release GateHouse Media, and each of its divisions, affiliates, parent companies, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies and anyone associated with the production of this Giveaway, and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability for any claims, injuries, losses or damages (including attorneys fees) of any kind arising out of their participation in this Giveaway or resulting from acceptance, possession, use or misuse of any prize. The potential prize winner waives the right to assert as a cost of winning the prize any and all costs of verification and redemption or travel to redeem said prize and waives any liability or claims (including attorneys fees) which might arise from redeeming or seeking to redeem said prize. In the event of non-compliance with these Rules, or if prize is refused or cannot be accepted for any reason, the prize will be forfeited. Upon forfeiture or refusal, no compensation will be given. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission to use the Winner's name, photograph, likeness and/or statements attributed to winner regarding the Giveaway, for advertising and publicity purposes without further compensation or consent. All entries become the property of GateHouse Media. This Giveaway shall only be construed and evaluated according to the laws of the state of Virginia, without regard to the principles of conflicts of laws and submission of any entry constitutes acceptance of such laws. This Giveaway is void where prohibited. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply.

If, due to a printing, production or other error, more prizes are claimed than are intended to be awarded per the above, the intended prizes will be awarded in a random drawing from among all verified and validated prize claims. In no event will more than the stated number of prizes be awarded.

GateHouse Media is not responsible for lost, stolen, misdirected or mutilated Tickets; errors in these Official Rules, in any Giveaway-related advertisements or other materials. GateHouse Media reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify and/or void Tickets held by an Entrant who GateHouse Media believes has attempted to tamper with or impair the administration, security, fairness or proper play of this Giveaway.

This Giveaway is not intended for gambling. If it is determined that an Entrant is using the Giveaway for gambling purposes, he/she will be disqualified and reported to authorities.

GateHouse Media and its affiliates reserve the right to use any and all information related to the Giveaway, including information on Entrants obtained through the Giveaway, for marketing purposes or any other purpose, unless prohibited by law.

GateHouse Media reserves the right to change the rules of this Giveaway at any time by posting updated Rules to www.progress-index.com. An Entrant's participation in the Giveaway after the posting date of revised Giveaway rules signifies notice and agreement to the revised Official Rules of the Giveaway.

NAMES OF WINNERS

To obtain the names of the Winners, contact the Publication at 15 Franklin Street, Petersburg, VA 23803 or 804-490-0055 by December 31, 2016.