

OCC and PSA Youth Showcase Rules

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by Oklahoma Camera Club

Goal

The goal of the PSA Youth Showcase is to involve the Society and its Chapters, clubs, councils, and federations in the promotion and education of photography among young people by highlighting outstanding images from high school-age students.

Student Participation

The showcase is open to all students worldwide, ages 14 through 19 and attending a high school or its equivalent. Oklahoma Camera Club, serving as the student's representative, will select the photographs and will be responsible for submitting the entries from each school to PSA.

Entry Rules

1. Each student may enter eight prints in the print section and eight Digital (projected) images in the Digital (projected) section in six categories. The six categories and permitted number of entries in each section are:

CATEGORY	Abbreviation	NUMBER OF IMAGES ALLOWED PER STUDENT
Architecture	ARCH	1 in Digital and/or 1 in Print
People/Animals	PORA	1 in Digital and/or 1 in Print
Landscapes/Waterscapes/Cityscapes	SCAPES	1 in Digital and/or 1 in Print
Photojournalism	PJOU	1 in Digital and/or 1 in Print
Photographer's Choice Color	CCHOI	2 in Digital and/or 2 in Print
Photographer's Monochrome	MCHOI	2 in Digital and/or 2 in Print

2. Any image containing a recognizable person must be accompanied by a showcase model release form. The exception to this is a photojournalism image showing crowds, spot news, sports events, or any public event.
3. All projected images and prints, and all parts thereof, must be taken by the student.
4. An entrant's photographic submissions must be from only one school.
5. Each image must have a title. Use of "untitled" or numbering for a title is unacceptable. The maximum length of the title is 25 characters including spaces. The title cannot contain the following characters or else the image will contain a fatal error when entered into the competition software.
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Please format your Digital file name as follows:

CategoryAbbreviation-LastNameFirstName-PhotoName

Examples:

ARCH-DoeMary-WhiteHouse.jpg

CCHOI-SmithJohn-Roses.jpg

SCAPES-JonesMike-GrandCanyon.jpg

Print and Projected Entry Forms

1. The entry forms must be fully completed to grant permission to PSA to reproduce the image for exhibit at the PSA Photo Festival, for showing in the Youth Showcase Program, for publication in the PSA JOURNAL and souvenir brochure, and for showing on the PSA website. The student's parent or guardian must also sign the entry form if the student is under age 18. The student also certifies that all elements of the image are the work of the student.
2. The entry forms must contain the student's email address. A school email is not allowed. It must be the student's home email so that contact can be maintained during the summer.

Submitting Print Entries

1. The PRINT requirements are as follows:
 - The print will be no smaller than 5" X 7" and no larger than 8 ½" X 11", either with or without a border.
 - The print must be un-mounted.
 - The Title, Category, and Student's name box must be fastened to the back of the print
2. All print entries and the signed entry form must be received by the Oklahoma Camera Club Youth Competition Coordinator by the closing date.

Submitting Digital (Projected) Entries

1. The PROJECTED IMAGE requirements are as follows:
 - The images longest dimension is to be 2100 pixels.
 - The image format is to be "jpg" at the highest setting.
 - For best projection, images should be saved in the "sRGB" color space.
 - Putting all images to be uploaded into a single folder prior to uploading may be helpful.
2. How are we requiring submission?

Print images should be mailed by the closing date to:

 - Mrs. Jackie Mesarick
 - Oklahoma CC Youth Photo Contest
 - 12508 Rohan Court, Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Digital Images should be emailed by the closing date to:

 - jrmesarick@gmail.com

Winning Images Chosen by OCC and submitted to the PSA Youth Showcase are eligible for the Following additional Awards:

1. A “Best of Show” plaque and a \$350 award will be sent to the photographer whose image is selected “Best of Show” from the six first-place images in both the print section and the projected.
2. A \$175 award will be sent to the other five first-place category photographers in each section.
3. A \$50 award will be sent to the six second-place category photographers in each section.
4. A \$25 award will be sent to the six third-place category photographers in each section.
5. A \$25 award will be sent to the three honorable mention photographers in the two “Choice” categories in each section.
6. All award winners will be given a PSA Digital membership which includes receiving a monthly email notice on the availability of the online PSA JOURNAL.

Recognition by PSA

The six first-place prints and the six first-place projected images, along with each maker’s photo and short autobiography, will be published in the September issue of the PSA JOURNAL.

1. The Youth Showcase Program will be displayed on the PSA website after the annual PSA Photo Festival.
2. The award and accepted prints and projected images will be exhibited in the print exhibit hall at the annual PSA Photo Festival. The exhibited images will also be shown as a Youth Showcase Program during the PSA Photo Festival and made available to each sponsor. All students with exhibited images will receive a Certificate of Participation and a souvenir Showcase brochure. Each teacher, PSA Sponsor, and the Sponsor Representative will also receive copies of the brochure and be given an opportunity to download the Youth Showcase Program as a video.