

Photography Guidance

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation.

PHOTOGRAPHY is the process of creating a single visual image using a camera.

Photographers may demonstrate the use of photographic techniques conventionally or digitally.

- Accepted types include single photographic print, panoramic, photomontage (one print of multiple original photos), multiple exposure, negative sandwich, or photogram. Black-and-white and color are accepted.
- Non-accepted forms include entries with added graphics over the image (including lettering) (Consider submitting this as Visual Arts.). Film (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are not accepted. Collages or collections of photos are not accepted.

Whether an entry displays use of technologies or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality, and creativity.

Use of Copyrighted Material

Use of copyrighted material, including copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material, is not acceptable in any photography submission, with the following exception: Photographs may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole.

Presentation & Format

- A single print must be between 3x5 and 8x10 (no larger than 11x14 with matting).
- Mount all prints on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material.
- Framed photos are not accepted

Submission Instructions:

- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.
- Photo may not be smaller than 3 x 5 or larger than 8 x 10
- **Non-digital photo:** If the submission was produced with a non-digital camera and developed by traditional process, submit your printed photo.
- **Digital photo:** If the submission was produced with a digital camera, save the digital file not exceeding 1 GB (one gigabyte) on a CD/DVD/flash drive, and include a print of your photo.
 - Accepted file formats include: JPEG, JPG, GIF, PNG.
 - Digital photos must be high resolution (640 x 960 minimum)
 - Label CD/DVD/flash drive with the title of your artwork, arts category, and division.
- If the photo with mat is large enough, put the student entry form and CD/DVD/flash drive (if any) in a clear sheet protector, and attach to the back of the matted photo. Otherwise, put the photo and entry form and CD/DVD/flash drive (if any) in a full-page closeable manila envelope.
 - Label the manila envelope if used with name, title of artwork, arts category, and division
 - **DO NOT** attach student entry form or sheet protector directly to the photo.
 - If you are submitting an unmatted photo, place it in a full-page closeable manila envelope.