



2023 PPOFN ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC OPEN COMPETITION RULES

PLEASE REVIEW THOROUGHLY

The purpose of this competition is to allow photographers to enter photographic prints, digital files, physical albums, and/or digital albums to be judged against a standard of excellence using the 12 Elements of a Merit Image. (For more information, go to www.ppa.com/ipc) Through this competition PPofN members are also eligible to achieve print credits toward their PPofN fellowship degrees. (For more information visit www.ppofn.com/ppn-degree-program) All entries, print and digital, must be registered online at www.printcompetition.com. Register your new account or login and select PPofN when you register. There is a small annual fee (see printcompetition.com for details). You will register and upload images for both digital and physical prints. You will also be able to print off labels for your physical prints through the site. All physical prints must be hand delivered or shipped to the print chairs by the deadline. There may not be any identifying marks, such as a signature or logo, on the front of the entry as it appears to the judges. PPN will not be responsible for any damage or loss incurred during the handling, judging or display of entries.

All entries that do not meet these criteria are subject to disqualification, all decisions are made by the print committee and are final. These rules pertain to images entered as prints or digital files created by traditional photographic processes as well as those captured electronically with a digital camera or scanner.

Rules

1. All entries must be registered through www.printcompetition.com
2. Entrants may submit either prints, digital files or a combination of both for judging.
3. Entrants are required to upload a digital file for each image (print or digital) entered. NOTE: For print entries, the digital file MUST match both the image and presentation. If, for example, the submitted print has a mat and the digital file does not show the mat, the entry will be disqualified.
4. No changes to your entry are permitted once the entry deadline has passed. No refunds will be issued after the entry fee is paid.
5. Entrants do not need to be PPofN members to compete, however, only PPofN Members in good standing will be eligible for association awards and fellowship credits. Out-of-State entrants are eligible for the Out-of-State Award.
6. Entries previously receiving a credit/merit at any PPA/PPofN are not eligible.
7. The entrant's name shall not appear anywhere in or on the face of the entry.
8. All processing, manipulation and printing or rendering, were done by the entrant or under the entrants direct supervision.
9. A maximum of four(4) entries are allowed in your case, extra entries are allowed in the extra entry category and DO NOT count towards your case score.
10. No entry will be eligible if it has been made under the supervision of an instructor or as a class assignment. All images submitted must be self-directed. Images created in an educational environment under direct supervision from an instructor are ineligible.
11. No two(2) entries shall be of the same subject.
12. Once an image has been awarded a merit/credit in any category of a PPA or an affiliate competition, it may not be entered again in any other category, at any time, by any entrant. No image that receives a merit may be entered more than once under any condition, including any image from a merited album.
13. Entries may be reproduced from existing photographs, portraits, graphics or any other artwork so long as the entrant is prepared to

provide appropriate written documentation indicating permission for usage. This documentation may be requested by PPofN/PPA before, during or after the competition. If an entry, in the good-faith opinion of the print committee, violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable law and cannot be proven otherwise, that entry shall be disqualified, and credits revoked, if issued.

Photographic Open Eligibility

1. Entrant must have captured and created the original exposure or exposures.
2. The entrant has obtained and has access to all necessary releases (model or property) and agrees to hold PPofN/PPA harmless against all claims and liabilities arising out of the display, publication and promotion or other use of each image submitted to competition.

Photographic Open Categories

- **PORTRAIT:** Consists of portrait or wedding images.
- **ILLUSTRATIVE:** Consists of commercial/industrial images, scenic, pictorials, digital paintings, and similar subject matter. Portraits and weddings are not appropriate for this category.
- **ANIMAL IMAGE MAKER:** Best animal image entered receiving highest score. In the case of a tie, judges will decide winner. More information can be found at www.animalimagemaker.com
- **ALBUM:** **EVENT** albums consist of time-sensitive social events, such as weddings, bar mitzvahs, etc. **NON-EVENT** albums consist of portrait and storytelling albums.
- **MULTI-MAKER ALBUM:** Images in the album must be the work of the entrants (up to three(3)), with a minimum of twenty(20) images per entrant. Each entrant must individually enter the competition and pay appropriate entry fees. Multi-Maker albums will be judged as one(1) entry.
- **EXTRA ENTRY:** Images submitted into this category are judged as any other entry, however, these

images will not be included in any awards or case scores.

- **OUT-OF-STATE MEMBER:** Images submitted to this category are designated for those who are not from Nebraska and are an active PPofN member.

Photographic Open Awards

Artist Eligibility

1. Entries in the artist category shall include any subject and must have guide images.
2. Guide images, must be included on the submitted digital canvas or mounted/included on the face of the print.

Artist Categories

- **ARTIST:** All artist entries.
- **EXTRA ENTRY:** Images submitted into this category are judged as any other entry, however, these images will not be included in any awards or case scores.
- **ANIMAL IMAGE MAKER:** Best animal image entered receiving highest score. In the case of a tie, judges will decide winner. Award is sponsored by Animal Image Maker. More information can be found at www.animalimagemaker.com

Digital Entries

1. Files must be sized so the longest dimension is 4000 pixels. Each file must contain an embedded color profile of sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a jpeg quality setting 10. In most cases, total file size should not exceed 3.5 MB. Larger files will be accepted when necessary so long as they are jpeg/10.
2. Files are to be named, Title.jpg -No underscores or special characters.

Viewing Conditions for Image Review

Digital Entries: Monitor Settings, D65, 120cd/m², 2.20 gamma

Deadlines and Fees

Visit www.ppofn.com/ppn-print-competition/ for a list of fees and deadlines. Fees are to be paid through printcompetition.com during registration, Entrant is responsible for paying the correct amount/fee when registering.