

# PSA Youth Showcase Rules

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## 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.

## Sponsor and Student Participation

All PSA Chapters, PSA-member camera clubs, and PSA-member councils and federations are encouraged to serve as sponsors for the Youth Showcase. There are no limits on the number of high schools that may be sponsored by a PSA organization, but two participating PSA groups cannot sponsor separate entries from the same school. The showcase is open to all students worldwide, ages 14 through 18 and attending a high school or its equivalent. The sponsoring organization may participate in the selection of photographs by naming an individual to serve as the sponsor's representative who will be responsible for submitting the entries from each school.

*Submit Chapters, Camera Clubs, Councils and Federations forms if not already registered*

The sponsor's representative must submit the certification form, listing the participating schools.

## Entry Rules

1. Entries from each high school are limited to sixteen images, eight prints in the print section and eight projected images in the projected section in six categories. The six categories and permitted number of entries in each section are:

<b>Architecture</b>	ARCH	1 projected image and 1 print
<b>People or Animals</b>	PORA	1 projected image and 1 print
<b>Scapes</b>	SCAP	1 projected image and 1 print
<b>Photojournalism</b>	PJOU	1 projected image and 1 print
<b>Monochrome Choice</b>	MCHOI	2 projected images and 2 prints
<b>Color Choice</b>	CCHOI	2 projected images and 2 prints

2. All entries from high school age students shall be submitted by the PSA sponsor representative. The sponsor or sponsor's representative shall determine how the entries are selected and the date by which the entries are needed by the representative for submission to PSA before the showcase due date.

3. A student may have no more than two prints and two projected entries.
4. 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.
5. All projected images and prints, and all parts thereof, must be taken by the student.
6. An entrant's photographic submissions must be from only one school.
7. 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 submitted.

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These characters will be added by the showcase director.

## 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 Youth Showcase Director by the closing date.

## Submitting 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. All projected jpg files must be submitted the Sponsors Representatives to the PSA Website by midnight on the closing date. The entry form is to be completed electronically and emailed, or printed and mailed, to the Youth Showcase Director by the closing date.

## **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**

1. 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*.
2. The Youth Showcase Program will be displayed on the PSA website after the annual PSA Photo Festival.
3. 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.

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