

# 2023 Competition

## PPOK ANNUAL IMAGE COMP!

### COMPETITION RULES - READ CAREFULLY!

**ALL ENTRIES MUST  
BE SUBMITTED AND  
REGISTERED AT  
[WWW.PRINTCOMPETITION.COM](http://WWW.PRINTCOMPETITION.COM)**

The Professional Photographers of Oklahoma (PPOK) annual photographic competition offers two separate divisions for entries. The divisions are Photographic Open and Artist. Participants, also referred to as makers or entrants, can enter cases in one or both divisions. The term "case" consists of the combined 6 top scoring entries entered by that maker for each division. Only digital entries will be judged.

### GENERAL INFO AND RULES ELIGIBILITY

1. All members of the Professional Photographers of Oklahoma, Inc. (PPOK) are eligible to enter the Photographic Competition. PPOK members who meet the requirements defined below may enter the General Exhibition or, if qualified, the Masters Exhibition.
2. Non-resident (out of state) members of the association can compete in the Photographic Competition and are eligible to win any award, under which category they might qualify, as long they have paid registration fees and physically attend the event.
3. Participants who are not PPOK members, and who live outside of Oklahoma may enter the Out-of-State Exhibition.

### DEADLINE

1. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE UPLOADED ONLINE at [www.printcompetition.com](http://www.printcompetition.com) BY 11 PM (CST) THURSDAY, August 24, 2023.

No exceptions will be made except by the Print Chairman, and only in extreme circumstances.

2. No changes to your entries are permitted once the entry deadline has passed. No refunds will be issued after the entry fee is paid.

### FEES

1. \$10.00 per image/album for PPOK members, including PPOK out of state members.
2. \$15.00 per image/album for non-members of PPOK. Non-member residents of Oklahoma are NOT eligible for awards, but will receive print scores. Non-member out of state entrants are only eligible for the Out of State trophy.

### SPECIFICATIONS FOR DIGITAL ENTRIES

1. Files must be sized so the longest dimension is 4000 pixels. Each file must contain an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and be saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10. In most cases, total file size should not exceed 3.5 MP. Larger files will be accepted when necessary so long as they are JPEG/10.
2. Files are to be spelled and capitalized the way you want it printed and the title announced.
3. There is not a limit to the number of entries submitted by each maker.

### VIEWING CONDITIONS FOR JUDGING

Monitor Settings: D65, 120 cd/m<sup>2</sup>, 2.20 gamma

## SCORING ENTRIES:

Juries will judge in open session and follow the PPA affiliated association judging procedures. The point system is used with scores ranging from 100 to 65 as follows:

- Exceptional 100-95
- Superior 94-90
- Excellent 89-85
- Deserving of Merit 84-80
- Above Average 79-75
- Average 74-70
- Below Exhibition Standards 69-65

The final score shall be the official score on these and on any challenged entry.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC OPEN SPECIFIC RULES

The purpose of this competition is to allow photographers to enter digital images and/or digital albums to be judged against a standard of excellence using the 12 Elements of a Merit Image.

1. Entrant must have captured and created the original exposure or exposures.
2. All processing, manipulation and rendering, must be done by the entrant.
3. The entrant has obtained and has access to all necessary releases (model or property) and agrees to hold PPOK harmless against all claims and liabilities arising out of PPOK's display, publication and promotion or other use of each image submitted to PPOK.
4. The entrant's name shall not appear anywhere in or on the face of the entry.
5. Makers may enter any number of entries. Their "case" will consist of their top six images they entered in Photographic Open. An album entry counts as one entry in the Photographic Open case.
6. 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.
7. Any entry that has been created from a photograph, portrait, graphic or any other

artwork produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be judged, accepted or displayed. If an entry, in the good faith opinion of the PPOK, violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable law, that entry shall not be displayed or published.

8. Entries of the same subject in multiple images will be allowed, as long as the images are entirely different concepts.

9. Entries previously entered in a PPOK Photographic Competition will be disqualified. An image that has been awarded a merit in PPA or a PPA District will be disqualified, including any image from a merited album.

## EXHIBITION DETAILS

A maker may enter unlimited entries in the exhibition for which he or she qualifies. The entrant may also enter a case in the Artist Exhibition/Division.

1. **GENERAL EXHIBITION-** This exhibition is open to all members who do not hold the PPA Master of Photography and/ or Master Artist degree. Entries may be made in any of the print categories (see below).
  - a) **FIRST TIME ENTRANT-** (special subset of the GENERAL EXHIBITION) Any member who is entering 1st time in any State, Regional, or National photographic competition which is affiliated with PPA is eligible for this category. First time entrants in this division are eligible for a special trophy and entry forms should be marked accordingly.
2. **MASTERS EXHIBITION-** This exhibition is open to members who hold the PPA Master of Photography and/or Master Artist degree. Entries may be made in any of the print categories.
3. **OUT OF STATE EXHIBITION-** This exhibition is open to entrants living outside of Oklahoma. Out of State entries are eligible only for the "Out of State" plaque unless the entrant is a PPOK member, has paid registration fees and physically attends the event, in which case they will be eligible for all state awards.
4. **NON-MEMBER EXHIBITION-** This exhibition is open to Oklahoma residents who are not members of PPOK. These entries will be

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judged for scores only; they are not eligible for awards.

5. **ARTIST EXHIBITION**- This exhibition is open to general or master members and is a separate entry case. Note: a maker may enter a case for the Artist Exhibition (Artist Division) in addition to (or instead of) their case for Photographic Open. See Artist Exhibit Rules for details.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

1. **MP** - Man's Portrait - one male subject only
2. **WP** - Woman's Portrait - one female subject only
3. **CP** - Child's Portrait- one subject only
4. **HS** - High School Senior Portrait - Portrait of a High School Senior
5. **AP** - Animal Portrait - Portrait of an animal
6. **GP** - Group Portrait - two or more subjects, including pets
7. **CL** - Classical Portraiture - Portrait presented with minimal post processing work.
8. **WED** - Weddings - pertaining to brides or candid wedding images
9. **RAW** - Images displayed as they were captured, with no alterations other than presentation (mat and stroke around image). Maker will be required to submit RAW file for verification to Print Chairman after uploading JPEG file to [printcompetition.com](http://printcompetition.com).
10. **L** - Landscape - Images include landscapes, outdoor scenic, sunsets/sunrises, urban landscapes, seascapes, and cityscapes.
11. **N** - Nature - Images include nature images, animals in their natural environment, flowers, and insects.
12. **C** - Commercial - An image that is designed to help sell, advertise or market a product, service, person or persons. Industrial images are included in the category.
13. **I** - Illustrative - An image that is designed to illustrate a story. This category would include any images that do not fall into the Portrait, Landscape, Nature, Commercial or Artist categories.
14. **ART** - Artist - Images displaying technique proficiency and artistic skill. These images typically include painted and composited images to convey a story, theme or message. In this category the maker may use images that are not created by the themselves. These entries must

display guide image(s) of original work(s).

15. **ALB** - A photographic album, is a collection of photographs. Subject matter could be any event, milestone, wedding or any other subject. The album is judged as a whole but every image within the album is evaluated using the 12 Elements of a Merit Print.

## DIGITAL ALBUM ENTRY RULES

See Video Tutorial: [www.ppa.com/ipc\\_tutorials](http://www.ppa.com/ipc_tutorials)

1. All page/spread files must have the longest file dimension at 4000 pixels, have an embedded color profile of either sRGB or Adobe RGB1998 and saved at a JPEG quality setting of 10.
2. Each page/spread file may contain as many images as you desire.
3. An entry shall contain a minimum of 5 page/spread files up to 36 page/spread files.
4. Files are to be numbered in viewing order using two digits, i.e. 01jpg, 02 jpg, 03 jpg, etc.
5. All individual files must be compressed into a single ZIP file. ZIP file are to be spelled and capitalized the way you want it printed.
6. Entries will be disqualified if the photographer's name, studio name or title appears on the front of the entry.
7. Albums are only allowed in the Photographic Open division.

## ARTIST SPECIFIC RULES

The purpose of this competition is to allow the entrant to demonstrate their art skills and expertise. Entries will be judged for digital, artistic and technical proficiency. Entries can be created using digital compositing or computer graphic (such as digital painting or both) techniques or a combination of both. Entries will also be judged on the presentation of the final artwork, as defined in the 12 Elements of a Merit Image. All entries must be "original work."

1. 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 PPOK before, during or after the competition. If an entry, in the good-faith opinion of the Professional Photographers of Oklahoma Second Vice President, violates copyright, trademark or any other applicable law and cannot be proven

- otherwise, that entry shall be disqualified.
2. All processing, manipulation, artwork or rendering must be done by the entrant.
  3. Entries will be disqualified if the photographer's name, studio name or title appears on the entry.
  4. Entries previously merited in a PPOK Exhibition will be disqualified. Any image that has been awarded an exhibition or MIR merit in PPA prior to the past 2 months will be disqualified.
  5. There is no limit to the number of entries submitted per entrant. The 6 top scoring Artist images by the maker will define the Artist "print case".
  6. No entry will be eligible that has been made under the supervision of an instructor, during class time or as a class assignment.
  7. Entries of the same subject in multiple images will be allowed, as long as the images are entirely different concepts.
  8. Entries in the Artist category can include any type of subject. There are no subcategories in this division.
  9. All Artist entries must include at least one guide or reference image to show the work performed on the resulting entry. The guide images must be included on the submitted digital canvas.

## AWARDS FOR EXHIBITING

1. Selection of entries to be exhibited will be made by the 2nd Vice President and the print committee when judging is completed. The number of points necessary for viewing is determined at that time.
2. The best accepted entry in each the General and Masters category within the Photographic Open division will be awarded a First Place plaque. The best accepted entry in the Artist division will be awarded a First Place plaque. Awards will be given to the best entries of the various categories and divisions by the majority vote of the judges in closed session.
3. The judges may also, at their discretion, give as many as two Distinguished Print ribbons and as many as two Honorable Mention ribbons in each division.

4. Plaques will be given for the most outstanding body of work submitted. Plaques awarded for total points are determined by adding together the top 6 scoring images of all entries by each entrant in his or her case with the highest print case total winning. In case of a tie, the majority vote of the judges decides the winner.
  - a) Past Presidents' Plaque for the best entry in the General Exhibition.
  - b) The Directors' Plaque for the best entry in the Masters Exhibition.
  - c) Two Presidents Plaques for the persons with the most total points from all his/her entries in the General and Masters Exhibitions. These awards will be designated as the "Oklahoma Photographer of the Year"-General Division, and "Oklahoma Photographer of the Year"-Masters Division.

## 5. Oklahoma Certified Professional Photographer

Trophy will be awarded to the PPA Certified entrant with the highest scoring entry.

6. The Out of State Trophy will be awarded to the person living outside Oklahoma with the most total points from his or her case in the Out of State Division, unless that entrant is a PPOK Member who has paid the convention registration fees and is in attendance at the convention, in which case they

are eligible for any member awards.

7. Nelson-Helt Memorial Scholarship for total case points for the First time entry in General Division.
8. Members' Choice plaque for the print with the most votes by registered convention attendees.
9. Judges may give "Judges' Choice" ribbons for prints selected by individual judges at their discretion.
10. Classic Portraiture plaque will be awarded for the best classic entry.
11. "Top 10 Oklahoma Photographer" ribbon will be awarded to the 10 photographers that have the highest total points, determined by adding together the top 6 scoring images of each entrant, regardless of degree or case type. In case of a tie, the majority vote of the judges decides the winner.
12. PPOK will not give awards other than those already stated without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

NEW THIS YEAR  
TO PPOK IMAGE  
COMPETITION:  
THE TOP 10  
CASES FROM ALL  
ENTRANTS WILL BE  
AWARDED TITLE  
AND PRIZE FROM  
MILLERS!