

# SECTION IV

## Photography Division

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

#### TYPES OF ENTRIES

There are two classifications: Color and Monochromatic (black and white, sepia and grayscale). Contestants may enter any of the classifications in the following categories. **Contestants may use any camera for all categories.**

1. Scenic—A picturesque outdoor setting.
2. Still Life—A picturesque indoor arrangement of objects.
3. Plants and Animals – A picture of living animals, birds, flowers, plants, insects, etc., taken in their natural or unnatural habitat (zoo pictures permitted).
4. Special Effects—**(color only)** TRICK PHOTOGRAPHY using objects, lighting, lenses, or other equipment to create an illusion or unusual effect. **Include a detailed description on the Photography Report (CF37) of how you created your special effect.** Computer software (Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, CorelDRAW®, etc.) may not be used.
5. Character Trait Picture—A picture that portrays one of the sixty character traits listed below. **The Character Trait must be listed on the 3" x 5" card attached to your entry.**

Appreciative	Dependable	Honest	Purposeful
Attentive	Determined	Humble	Resourceful
Available	Diligent	Joyful	Respectful
Committed	Discerning	Kind	Responsible
Compassionate	Discreet	Loyal	Secure
Concerned	Efficient	Meek	Self-Controlled
Confident	Equitable	Merciful	Sincere
Considerate	Fair	Observant	Submissive
Consistent	Faithful	Optimistic	Tactful
Content	Fearless	Patient	Temperate
Cooperative	Flexible	Peaceful	Thorough
Courageous	Forgiving	Perseverant	Thrifty
Creative	Friendly	Persuasive	Tolerant
Decisive	Generous	Prudent	Truthful
Deferent	Gentle	Punctual	Virtuous

6. Computer Photo Enhancement (Color Only)—a photographic image (picture) taken with a film or digital camera and enhanced with computer software programs (such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, or CorelDRAW®). Anything may be done to enhance the photographic image as long as it meets A.C.E. guidelines.

## **COLOR AND MONOCHROMATIC RULES**

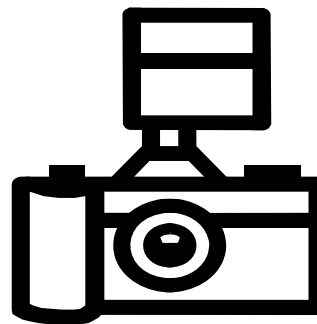
1. Entries must have been taken after the completion of the previous International Student Convention and must not have been entered in any other contest.
2. Entries must be the sole work of the student.
3. Entries should be approximately 8" x 10" mounted with a mat approximately 11" x 14" (no frames).
4. Entries must arrive for judging in satisfactory exhibition condition.
5. A.C.E. is not responsible for entries lost or damaged.
6. Subjects in entries **MUST conform** to A.C.E. Student Convention dress standards.
7. Each photo may be entered in **only one event**.
8. Students may use any camera for all entries.  
Computer software (such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, or CorelDRAW®) may be used for red eye, cropping, rotating, color balance and tonal adjustment (lightness, darkness, and contrast—not enhancement), and printing only. No other enhancement allowed in these categories.

## **COMPUTER PHOTO ENHANCEMENT ADDITIONAL RULES**

1. Computer Photo Enhancement is a photographic image (picture) taken with a film or digital camera and enhanced with computer software programs (Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator, Corel Draw, or other image enhancing programs). Anything may be done to enhance the photographic image as long as it meets A.C.E. guidelines.
2. Objects may be added or deleted from the image (picture). For example, an object may be removed and added to a new environment, or objects can be added to create a new environment. Text may be added to make a poster, church bulletin, greeting card, etc.
3. The student must attach the original photographic image (picture) on the back of the enhanced photo for comparison purposes.

### Checklist for Photography:

1. For Regional Convention and International Convention:
  - a. Each entry must be labeled with a **3" x 5" card** securely attached to the back of the mat with the following information: entry (Character Trait portrayed if entering Character Trait picture), student's name, school name, customer number, school address, city, state, ZIP/Postal Code.
  - b. Photography Report (CF37) is only required for Special Effects (securely attached to the back of the entry).
2. For **Regional Convention ONLY**: Judge's Forms (CF38)—Three (3) copies with name, school, customer number, address, and entry.



**Note to Sponsor:** Be sure the contestant enters the correct category. Review the Judge's Forms to see where points are given and make sure that the entry includes each point.

### CRITERIA

**Meets A.C.E. Guidelines**—The subject matter or topic treated must conform to A.C.E. standards of what is acceptable in behavior, dress, etc.

**Composition**—The visual process of organizing the elements and individual details of a scene into a balanced and pleasing arrangement.

**Mounting**—The color, texture, and permanence of the material on which the photograph is exhibited.

### HINTS FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES

Judges will pay close attention to the technical qualities of your work. Next to content comes composition. This includes the number of subjects, their arrangements, and the background of the picture. When composing, keep your photography simple. Too much symbolism or clutter is distracting to the viewer. Avoid placing the main subject "dead center." This produces a dull, static effect, which is not very pleasing to the eye. After composing the photo, carefully check the background for distracting, objectionable elements. Many fine shots have been ruined by ugly telephone wires or distracting blotches of color that detract from the main subject. Nothing in the photo, even though in the background and out of focus, should violate the A.C.E. standard of dress, behavior, etc. Finally, pay close attention to the finishing touches. Your photo should be clean and free of scratches, dust specks, or wrinkles, and should be matted attractively. Often these are the factors that are used to break ties.

# PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGING CRITERIA

## Areas of Evaluation

**Meets A.C.E. Guidelines** (1-5)

### Composition

- A. **FIRST GLANCE:** pleasing presentation – human interest or photo desirable to be displayed, a story conveyed (1-10)
- B. Distracting elements eliminated (1-5)
- C. The photo has a main subject of interest (1-5)
- D. Rule of thirds, framing, contrast, etc. (1-5)
- E. Purpose, visual impact, theme visualized (1-10)
- F. Evidence of creative effort to achieve the image (1-10)

### Technical Expertise

- A. Subject in sharp focus, depth of field used creatively, (camera's automatic features used with understanding), no visible defects. (1-5)
- B. Good composition, flow and balance subject matter. Image does not violate standard photographic principles (rule of thirds, balance, framing, etc.) (1-5)
- C. Photographic print demonstrates full tonal quality, dynamic range, and good contrast ratio. Student is responsible for effective printing of photo from either film negative or jpeg image file. (1-5)
- D. Creative Effects used: filters, lighting, special lenses. (1-5)
- E. **(Darkroom)** Film developing demonstrates good understanding of darkroom techniques to produce quality photo (unloading film, using developing chemicals, using enlarger, proper final exposure, quality final print ). Show procedure record of all steps. **OR**  
**(Digital Darkroom)** Import image file into computer for color balance and tonal adjustment (lightness, darkness, and contrast—not enhancement). Sizing, cropping, scaling, rotating, and image cleanup spot and scratch removal). Remove any red eye with appropriate tools and sharpen image. (1-15)

### The Mount will be judged on the following:

- A. Mounting board and print reflect a permanent display (1-5)
- B. Color and texture match the subject (1-5)

**Proper documentation submitted** (1-5)

**TOTAL POINTS (100)**