



2024 - Nebraska State Competition

PRINT COMPETITION

1. **TWO 11x14 print images, matted, mounted to foam core**, and taken with a **DSLR camera**. Be sure these images reflect your **BEST** work.

*****Cell phone photos will be immediately disqualified!*****

2. Include a single-page, typed **Print Description** glued to the back of your first print submission and a single-page **resume** glued to the back of your second print submission.

(See second page for further details on layout and technical specs for above.)

WRITTEN EXAM

Students **must** pass a multiple choice test of photographic knowledge with **70% or higher**. The test will include questions on photographic history, exposure, lenses, camera parts, photoshop, and more.

FIELD ASSIGNMENT

A field assignment will be given **ONLY** to those who pass the above-mentioned exam. This assignment is an opportunity to showcase your camera **and** Photoshop skills.

- A. First Image will be captured in Manual mode and submitted in **RAW format**.
- B. Second Image will be **edited per the instructions given** and submitted in **JPEG format**.
- C. Label each image **CORRECTLY** per the instructions given, and save them to a USB.

The field assignment is due by 3:00 pm for final judging. NO EXCEPTIONS!

STATE CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

1. Provide two 11x14 prints mounted to 16x20 foam core backing.
2. Provide a resume and print description for evaluation with print submissions.
3. Pass a multiple-choice test **without** assistance.
4. Receive a field assignment from the event coordinator **AFTER** passing the written exam.
5. Use **Manual Mode** settings & capture **RAW images** for the field assignment.
6. Produce a creative image using Photoshop manipulation per assignment specifications.
7. Contestants may **not** disturb any other event in progress, enter restricted areas, interrupt conference functions, or participate in any behavior unbecoming to a national participant.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES

- Laptop
- **Adobe Photoshop** CS4+ or higher
- DSLR camera with compatible lens(es)
- extra batteries and charging cables
- TWO 16 GB memory cards for camera
- a **blank** USB memory stick
- card reader and camera cable
- 2 print competition images
- Print Description and Resume
- Pencil

Print Mounting Supplies:

Walmart - <https://www.walmart.com> - Search for **BLACK FOAM CORE**

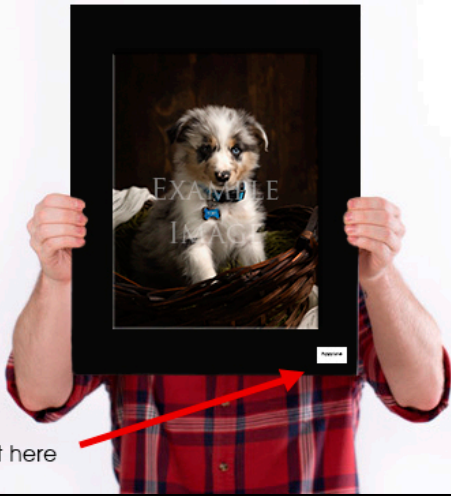
Light Impressions - <http://www.lightimpressionsdirect.com>

Please use **MPIX.COM** to print your photos one week prior to event.

PRINT COMPETITION SPECIFICATIONS

Center your print on the foam core backing, keeping an approx. 2.5" spacing around the print.

Add the window matte on top the mounted print.



Label your print here

Submit **11x14 prints** centered on **16x20 black foam core backing**, with a hinged black over mat.

- A. 11x14 prints **MUST** be on **photographic paper**
- B. Each print **MUST** be mounted neatly to foam board (*dry mounted preferred but not required*)
- C. Each print **MUST** also have a black over mat
- D. Each print **MUST** have a label in the lower right corner as follows:

(YourContestantNumber)-Image(#): (Image Title)

Examples: 1465-Image1: Nebraska Sunset
and

1465-Image2: Black Cat

For Further Mounting & Matting Tips Visit:

<https://www.alternativephotography.com/how-to-mount-and-mat-a-print-for-framing>

or

<https://www.matboardandmore.com/help/mounting-art.html>

Print descriptions are to be laid out exactly as below or points will be deducted.

You will attach your typed print description to the back of your **first print** submission.

Your resume **MUST** be one page and attached to the back of your **second print** submission.

Your contestant number must be included on ALL items submitted to judges!

You will be evaluated not only on grammar and descriptiveness, but also on presentation, color balance, sharpness, exposure, creativity, lighting, design, composition, and other technical standards found in the photographic industry.

(Contestant Number)
(First Name Only)

A brief description statement about your photographic experience and skills. Please keep this section to no more than two sentences.

List of equipment used: Image #1

- Camera Type
- Camera Settings
- Lens Used
- Editing Software Uses

List of equipment used: Image #2

- Camera Type
- Camera Settings
- Lens Used
- Editing Software Uses

For this section, please tell us a little about what type of photography inspires you. Be eloquent and precise. Keep your description to no more than 5 sentences.

Points are deducted for not following directions!

If you have questions at any time, please contact your event coordinator for clarification.