

**Photographic Society of Chattanooga**  
**2023 YOUTH PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWCASE ENTRY RULES**  
**(Revised for 2023)**

**Goal**

The goal of the Youth Photography Showcase is to inspire high school students to get involved in photography by publicly highlighting their outstanding photographs. This is an excellent opportunity for students to share their work across various categories and receive recognition for their efforts.

**Participation**

The Youth Photography Showcase is open to all students worldwide, ages 14 through 18, who are attending high school or its equivalent worldwide. They may be in public, private, and home schools as well as in youth groups. As a sponsoring Photographic Society of America club, The Photographic Society of Chattanooga **invites entries only from the Chattanooga and North Georgia areas**. There is no fee to participate in Youth Photography Showcase. All students who enter this contest will be given a complimentary membership in the Photographic Society of Chattanooga.

**Please Note**

Digital/projected images and/or prints may be submitted this year. The same image should not be submitted as a digital image and as a print.

**Opening Date**

**January 15, 2023** is when YPS opens for the Chattanooga/North Georgia area students.

**Closing Date**

**February 18, 2023** is when YPS closes for Chattanooga/North Georgia area students. **Important:** All submissions – digital and prints – along with the entry forms must be turned in by the end of this day for the Chattanooga contest.

**Selection Procedure**

PSC's three judges will score submissions to select First, Second, Third Places and Honorable Mentions for the YPS Awards Program in each category of prints and for each category of digital images.

Winning images from each school will be sent to the Photographic Society of America to compete with students worldwide. Each year there are acceptances to PSA and some winners too from YPS Chattanooga.

The selection of digital images and prints being sent to the Photographic Society of America will be done by the PSC YPS Director choosing the top scorers (up to eight digital images and prints from each high school: two digital images and prints in the *Color Photographer's Choice* category, two digital images and prints in the *Monochrome Photographer's Choice* category and one digital images and prints in each of the four remaining categories listed below) without sending more than 2 prints and 2 digital images per student. The six categories are:

Category	Abbreviation	Limit of Entries
Architecture	ARCH	1 digital image & 1 print
People or Animals	PORA	1 digital image & 1 print
Scapes	SCAP	1 digital image & 1 print
Photojournalism	PJOU	1 digital image & 1 print
Color Photographer's Choice	CCHOI	2 digital images & 2 prints
Monochrome Photographer's Choice	MCHOI	2 digital images & 2 prints

\*To read the definition of each category, click [here](#)

## **Requirements**

1. All projected images and prints, and all parts thereof, must be taken by the student.
2. An entrant's photographic submissions must be from only one school or organization.
3. **NEW RULE:** Each student may enter up to 4 digital images and 4 prints at the Chattanooga level. However, a student may have no more than 2 digital entries and two prints selected to send to the Photographic Society of America.
4. The same image may not be entered twice – not in both digital and print divisions, nor in two categories.
5. The YPS Committee reserves the right to review the subject matter of all images. Images containing possible offensive content to family viewing may not be accepted.
6. An Entry Form must be completed for each digital image and for each print. All appropriate print and projected 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 video 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.

The entry forms must contain the student's or parent's/guardian's home email address. **A school email is not allowed.** It must be the student's or parent's/guardian's home email so that contact can be made during the summer.

7. Digital Entry Forms may be filled out electronically, then printed, signed, scanned, and emailed to [youthcontest@chattanoogaphoto.org](mailto:youthcontest@chattanoogaphoto.org) along with the digital images.
8. 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.  
**Model Release:** [pdf](#)
9. No identifying information (name or logo, etc.) may be on the digital image or print.
10. The student must provide a title for each image. The 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. ( ) ! , " . / ? \_ \ = ' \$. These characters will be added by the showcase coordinator as needed.

## **HOW TO PREPARE IMAGES FOR DIGITAL SUBMISSION**

Prior to submitting each image, please ensure that:

- The image's longest dimension (vertical or horizontal) should 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.
- Name your digital image file like this: **Category (Using the following category abbreviations: ARCH, CCHOI, MCHOI, PJOU, PORA, SCAP); Title (no more than 25 letters); last 4 digits of your phone number; school. For example: ARCH\_The Hills of Home\_1234\_Central (use underlines between each requirement).**
- For each digital image submitted, a fillable projected/digital entry form must be completed, printed, signed, scanned, and emailed along with the digital image to [youthcontest@chattanooga.org](mailto:youthcontest@chattanooga.org)
- Send the digital images and forms only as email attachments.
- **Projected Entry Form: pdf**

## **HOW TO SUBMIT PRINTS**

- The print may 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.
- An entry form must be filled out for each print. **Print Entry Form: pdf**
- Print the completed fillable entry form and obtain appropriate signatures.
- The bottom portion of that entry form must be detached and affixed to the back of the print.
- Please mark which way is up on the back of the print.
- Also, a digital file of the print must be emailed to us: [youthcontest@chattanooga.org](mailto:youthcontest@chattanooga.org) The digital file of the print will be for possible use in the awards program.
- Bring the print entries and the top portion of the completed and signed fillable entry form for each print to St. John UMC, 3921 Murray Hills Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416 on Saturday, February 18, between 10 a.m. and noon.
- Email us if other arrangements are necessary: [youthcontest@chattanooga.org](mailto:youthcontest@chattanooga.org)

## **Awards Program Information**

- The 2023 Youth Photography Awards Program for Chattanooga has been scheduled for Thursday, March 23, in the Sanctuary of St. John United Methodist Church, 3921 Murray Hills Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- If you are a winner, you will be notified by March 16.
- Ribbons will be given for HM, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, and a cash prize will also be given to the Best of Show in each division – print and digital.
- Certificates will be given to students with images being forwarded to the Photographic Society of America.
- If you cannot attend the Awards Program, please notify us so we will know who is to pick up your award. If your teacher is present, awards will be given to him/her.
- Winners will be posted on the PSC website by April 1, 2021.

If you have questions, contact Pat Gordy and Gary Conner at [youthcontest@chattanooga.org](mailto:youthcontest@chattanooga.org).