

2025 Photo Contest Categories

Best Portrait of...

1. **Man**
2. **Woman**
3. **Baby Boy** (up to 3 years old)
4. **Baby Girl** (up to 3 years old)
5. **Boy** (3-12 years old)
6. **Girl** (3-12 years old)
7. **Children**
8. **Two Persons**
9. **Group 4-9** people
10. **Group 10+** people
11. **Victorian** - 2 or more people
12. **Western** - 2 or more people
13. **Civil War** – 2 or more people
14. **'20's** – 2 or more people
15. **Wedding** – an Old-Time photo of 2 or more people
16. **Pirate**
17. **Any Other Era** – Examples include Native American, Pilgrims, Renaissance, Canadian Mounties, Old Time Baseball, WWII and 1950's. The category may not include Victorian, Western, Civil War, '20's, Pirate or Steam Punk.
18. **Boudoir** – one woman
19. **Senior Citizen** – one or more people, all must be 60 years or older
20. **Steam Punk** – Steam Punk is a sub-genre of science fiction that typically features steam-powered machinery, especially in a setting by industrialized Western civilization during the 19th century. Therefore, steam punk workers are often set in an alternate history of the 19th century's British Victorian Era or American "Wild West", in a post-apocalyptic future during which steam power has regained mainstream use, or in a fantasy world that similarly employs steam power. Steam Punk is not allowed in categories 11-19.
21. **Humorous**
22. **Creative Not Enhanced** – photo should show creative posing, setup, lighting and/or special photographic effect without the use of Adobe Photoshop™ or other digital enhancement.
23. **Digitally Enhanced** - Be digitally experimental and show us your best work! May include, but not limited to... digitally created posters, movie posters, an enhanced studio portrait with a digital border, collages, artificial intelligence (AI) imagery, Chromakey, Photoshop effects, any digital enhancements, etc. The digital poster may include wording as long as it does not include studio names or locations. The entry can be printed on a single sheet or matted. Traditional paper mats are allowed but not required. This category and category 24 (best use of a portrait and poster mat) are the only categories that allow wording on the submission. This is the ONLY category that allows AI imagery. The entry must not exceed 12" x 18". This category, as well as Self, Staff and Carnival, allows employees and isn't necessarily intended for sale to the public. All other categories are intended to be sold to the public and cannot contain staff.
24. **Matched Portrait & Poster Mat** – must be a separate stock poster mat (purchased from a vendor). Supply separate poster mat of your choice with portrait. This category and category 23 are the only categories that allow wording on the (separate) mat. Size of mat up to 12"x18"

- 25. Pet(s)** – pets may appear in all categories along with their humans, this is the only category where they may appear without humans.
- 26. Pet(s) with Owner(s)** – pets may appear in all categories along with their humans.
- 27. Self** – photo of a studio employee/manager/owner using your own pose, lighting and props.
- 28. Staff** – all subjects within portrait must be studio staff and include the owner or senior management. Individual staff members may appear in multiple staff photos.
- 29. Cameo** - Subject must be one individual in the style of an antique brooch or similar jewelry. The subject should be photographed with an oval or medallion shape in mind. The photo should be bustline up as it would appear in a cameo jewelry piece. The photo must be displayed in an oval matte.
- 30. Carnival Theme** - Submit your entries of a photo themed from attendees, cast, entertainers or employees of a carnival, circus or state fair.