

Contest Description

COMPETITION DATE: Saturday, April 24	CONTEST AREA NAME: Photography
CONTEST AREA NUMBER: 54	LEVEL: Secondary & Post-Secondary
DURATION OF CONTEST: 6 Hours (9am to 3pm)	LOCATION: Virtual / Zoom

CONTEST INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Challenge.

The Skills Canada NL Provincial Photography competition is designed to test Students knowledge in the area of photography, at the same time, help identify and prepare Students who may excel to the next levels from Provincial to National competition.

Skills and Knowledge to be tested.

Students will be expected to showcase their skills with operating a camera and editing software, as well as knowledge in the following areas:

- Composition: visual elements, style, balance and harmony, framing, Depth of Field (DoF).
- Technical: focus, exposure, contrast, use of light and tonal range.
- Impact: overall impression of the photograph, tells a story.
- Adherence to Theme (if applicable) and instructions for each task

CONTEST DESCRIPTION

List of documents produced and timeline for when competitors have access to the documents.

DOCUMENT	DATE OF DISTRIBUTION VIA WEBSITE
Skills Canada NL Provincial Contest Description	February 12, 2021

I ask that the following may be performed during the contest:

All tasks listed below are to be completed during the specified contest description time, from 9am to 3pm. Please **ENSURE** your camera has the **correct Date and Time** set, as Judges will be reviewing photo metadata to ensure all photo time stamps correspond to the day and times of the contest. Any photos submitted and found to be taken before the contest start time will be disqualified and will not be marked.

All photos should be submitted in the highest quality your camera allows. When saving or exporting photos, please ensure you are saving with the highest quality resolution available to you.

Tasks can be performed anywhere available to the Students, provided that they comply with the health and safety recommendations of Health and Community Services NL, which includes but not exclusive: Wearing a mask when in public places, keeping six (6) feet apart from others, staying in your bubble. Further restrictions/updates to follow can be found on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador website. All persuasions should be taken to ensure safety at all times. Parents and Teachers should be aware of Students locations at all times during competition.

- **Task #1** - Competitors will shoot three (3) photos depicting a **THEME** of the competitors choosing. The theme is open to the competitor's imagination, you can simply choose a colour (i.e. red) an emotion (i.e. Happy) or an action (helpful) as examples. All photos must clearly depict the theme, but should still be unique from each other. Do not submit multiple photos that look exactly the same or very similar, however they must all depict the chosen theme. The photo can be edited or unedited, and must be submitted in **JPG format** and renamed as follows: **##TASK1A.jpg, ##TASK1B.jpg, ##TASK1C.jpg**. The **##** is your two digit assigned competitor number. As an example, competitor assigned 02 as their competition number would name their files: 02TASK1A.jpg, 02TASK1B.jpg, 02TASK1C.jpg.
- **Task #2** - Competitors will shoot **two (2) photographs of a MYSTERY OBJECT**. On the day of competition, during orientation, the mystery object will be revealed to all students at the same time. The object will be a common item which all students should have access. The two photos should both display the mystery object as the main subject; key element in the photo. However, both photos should be completely unique with a different look from each other. Students can opt to use different angles, backgrounds, lighting, or other compositional techniques to create two unique looks. Students are encouraged to be creative and try to show a unique perspective of the object. The photos can be edited or unedited, and must be submitted in **JPG format** and renamed as follows: **##TASK2A.jpg** and **##TASK2B.jpg**. The **##** is your two digit assigned competitor number. As an example, competitor assigned 02 as their competition number would name their files: 02TASK2A.jpg and 02TASK2B.
- **Task #3** - Competitors will shoot and crop only **one (1) unique PORTRAIT cannot be SELF-PORTRAIT** photograph. The photograph can be shot anywhere available to the student, provided that it complies with health and safety regulations and social distancing rules. The photograph should be taken using natural light (no flash and/or other plug-in/battery light sources) without any filters or editing. Any editing or filters will result in the photograph being disqualified and will not be marked. The photograph must be submitted in **JPG format** and renamed as follows: **##TASK3.jpg**. The **##** is your two digit assigned competitor number. As an example, competitor assigned 02 as their competition number would name their files: 02TASK3.jpg.
- **Task #4** – Photo editing match. Competitors will be supplied two copies of a photo. One photo will be un-edited, the second will be the same photo however edited. Competitors are to use their knowledge and editing software tools available to them, to recreate the edited photo as closely as they can. The photograph must be submitted in **JPG format** and renamed as follows: **##TASK4.jpg**. The **##** is your two digit assigned competitor number. As an example, competitor assigned 02 as their competition number would name their files: 02TASK4.jpg.
- **Task #5** – Competitors will provide one (1) photo of **Forced perspective**. This is a technique which employs optical illusion to make an object appear farther away, closer, larger or smaller than it actually is. It manipulates human visual perception through the use of scaled objects and the correlation between them and the vantage point of the spectator or camera.

Note: Competitors will not be allowed to compete if the above items are not brought and used.

EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL, CLOTHING

Equipment and Material supplied by Skills Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador

- A competitor number will be assigned to each student and communicated to each competitor during orientation.
- A google Drive account will be created for each competitor to upload and submit their photos.

Equipment and Material Competitor must supply:

- Require Internet Access
- A Camera (DSLR or Equivalent) with date and time set correctly.
- Software or app to be able to edit photos (where applicable, not all tasks allow editing).

Required clothing (Provided by competitor)

- All clothing must be suitable and safe for the environment that you are working. Since the competitors are in control of their environment for this virtual competition, the competitors should use his/her better judgement on staying safe. For example, if shooting outdoors, winter attire would be required for protection against the cold elements.
- Weather, general safety, visibility and Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines must be considered and followed by all competitor

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The health, safety and welfare of all individuals involved with Skills Canada NL are of vital importance. Safety is a condition of participation and shall not be sacrificed for the sake of expediency. At the discretion of the judges and technical committees, any competitor can be denied the right to participate should they not have the required proper safety equipment and/or act in an unsafe manner that can cause harm to themselves or others.

List of required personal protective equipment (PPE) supplied by Skills Canada NL:

- No equipment will be supplied by Skills Canada NL. Students are expected to provide their own Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) as required.

List of required personal protective equipment (PPE) supplied by Competitors:

- Face mask required for all public indoor venues, or outdoor venues where social distancing cannot be adhered.
- Other PPE may be required based on the environment. For example, if students enter a workshop with heavy equipment, safety goggles, hard toe boots and/or ear plugs to protect against loud noises may be required.

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EVALUATION/JUDGING CRITERIA

Point Breakdown

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Task #1 - Theme (3 Photos)	30
Task #2 – Mystery Object (2 Photos)	20
Task #3 – Portrait (1 Photo)	20
Task #4 – Photo Editing Match (1 Photo)	20
Task #5 – Forced Perspective (1 Photo)	10

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tie (No ties are allowed)

Ties will be broken by the higher creativity marks provided by Judging.

Competition Rules

- Competitors are expected to take ALL photos during the competition time, without the assistants of Teachers, Friends or Family members.
- Photos must be submitted in the file format and naming identified in the contest description for each task.
- Photos must be submitted by the timelines identified in the contest description.

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