

# Texas PPA Image Competition Dates, Registration, and Awards List 2021

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# Registration, Deadlines, and Fees

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- Judging will be held on March 26 and 27, 2021.
- Registration opens on March 1, 2021. All registration takes place at: [www.printcompetition.com](http://www.printcompetition.com).
- Entry Deadline is 11:00pm CDT, March 25, 2021.
- TPPA is holding three competitions: Photographic Open Competition, Artist Competition, and Wedding Competition. Entrants may enter up to eight entries in each of the three competitions.
- The entry fee is \$15 per individual entry.
- Entries include any combination of digital entries and digital album entries.
- \$10 per image for image critiques. Please allow 4 weeks following the completion of the competition.

## Merit Standard Images

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TPPA Recognizes the “Merit Standard” in Image Competition as Accepted or Not Accepted. Accepted images will be judged a second time for a “best of the best” designation known as Texcellence. All Accepted images are eligible for our Photographic Awards. Awards will be decided upon by the panel of jurors.

All images Accepted by the jury panel will also earn a Fellowship Point for TPPA members.

## Top Entries Pins

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- **Bronze** – 4 entries are Accepted in a single competition (Photographic Open, Artist, or Wedding)
- **Silver** – 4 entries are Accepted and 1 image receives a Texcellence designation in a single competition (Photographic Open, Artist, or Wedding)
- **Gold** – 4 entries are Accepted and 2 images receive a Texcellence designation in a single competition (Photographic Open, Artist, or Wedding)
- **Platinum** – 4 entries are Accepted and 3 images receive a Texcellence designation in a single competition (Photographic Open, Artist, or Wedding)
- **Diamond** – 4 entries are Accepted and all 4 images receive a Texcellence designation in a single competition (Photographic Open, Artist or Wedding)

# Photographic Open Awards

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## Portrait

- Best Portrait of an Animal or group of animals (Pets)
- Best Portrait of a Child
- Best Classic Portrait (little or no digital enhancement applied)
- Best Portrait of a Group (People)
- Best Portrait of a Man
- Best Portrait of a Woman
- Best Portrait by a Master
- Best Portrait General Exhibit (non-Master)

### Important Definitions

**Man/Woman/Child/Group** - These sub-categories are all for portrait images of people, including families, groups, couples, adults, children, relationships, models, and fashion portraits, as well as tastefully artistic figure studies.

**Animal** - This sub-category captures an animal(s) portrait using structured lighting in a studio or outdoor environment, where the owner or photographer controls the animal.

**Classic Portrait** - This sub-category is for any Portrait entry that has little or no digital enhancement applied. Entrant may be required to submit RAW, unprocessed file if requested by the TPPA Image Competition Committee.

## Illustrative

- Best Aerial Image
- Best Architecture Image
- Best Commercial Image
- Best Fine Art/Still Life Image
- Best Scenic Image
- Best Sport/Reportage Image
- Best Wildlife Image
- Best Illustrative Open by a Master
- Best Illustrative Open General Exhibit (non-Master)

### Important Definitions

**Commercial** - This sub-category is used when images are created for a commercial client to advertise a product and promote a brand or company.

**Aerial** - This sub-category is for images created from an airborne vehicle, manned or unmanned.

**Scenic** - This sub-category shares joy and adventures while expressing a sense of place. Flowers, seascapes, cityscapes, urban landscapes, and sunsets with or without people can be placed here.

**Architecture** - This sub-category can be an interior or exterior of a structure or within an industrial environment.

**Wildlife** - This sub-category is for wild animals in an uncontrolled lighting environment, including zoo animals.

**Fine Art/Still Life** - This sub-category is for entries not easily classified in one of the other categories. It may be with or without people. This sub-category can also be conceptual images that tell a story.

**Sport/Reportage Image** - This sub-category is for sports and non-wedding events (such as news events) where the maker does not have control over the action, environment, lighting, and other factors. These images have little or no digital enhancement applied. Entrant may be required to submit RAW, unprocessed file if requested by the TPPA Image Competition Committee.

## Photographic Open Album

- Best Album General Exhibit (non-Master)
- Best Album by a Master

## Artist Awards

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- Best Artist Entry by a Master Artist
- Best Artist Entry General Collection (non-Master Artist)
- Best Restoration Image

# Wedding Awards

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- Best Bride
- Best Couple or Group
- Best Groom
- Best Wedding Moment
- Best Wedding Still Life
- Best Wedding Open by a Master
- Best Wedding Open General Exhibit

## Wedding Album Awards

- Best Album by a Master
- Best Album General Exhibit (non-Master)
- Best Multi-Maker Album by a Master
- Best Multi-Maker Album General Exhibit (non-Master)

## Other Awards

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- Best First Time Entry TPPA
- Judges Choice Ribbons. Each judge awards one ribbon.
- CPP Award for the best image by a Certified Professional Photographer
- ASP State Elite Award
- Best of Show (Chosen from the Best individual entries of all sub-categories)