

# SECTION IV

## Photography Division → Non Performance

### TYPES OF ENTRIES

There are two classifications: Monochromatic (Black & White, Sepia and Grayscale) and Color. Contestants may enter one or both classifications in the following categories.

#### Monochromatic (B/W, Sepia & Grayscale)

1. **Scenic (321)** A picturesque outdoor setting.
2. **Still Life (322)** A picturesque indoor arrangement of objects with a “spiritual or patriotic” theme.
3. **Plants and Animals (323)** A picture of animals, birds, flowers, insects, etc., taken in their natural habitat. **No domestic animals, stuffed animals, or zoo animals.**
4. **Character Trait Picture (325)** A picture that portrays one of the sixty character traits listed below. **The Character Trait must be listed on the 3"X5" card attached to your entry.**

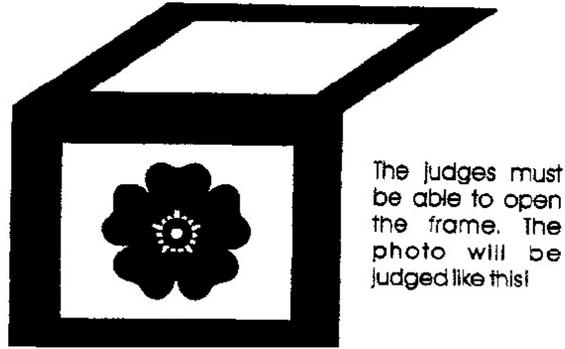
#### Color

1. **Scenic (331)** A picturesque outdoor setting.
2. **Still Life (332)** A picturesque indoor arrangement of objects with a “spiritual or patriotic” theme.
3. **Plants and Animals (333)** A picture of animals, birds, flowers, insects, etc., taken in their natural habitat. **No domestic animals, stuffed animals, or zoo animals.**
4. **Special Effects (334)** (color only) A purposeful use of objects; use of lighting, lenses, or other equipment to create an illusion or unusual effect. Include a detailed description of how you created your special effect. Computers may not be used.
5. **Character Trait Picture (335)** A picture that portrays one of the sixty character traits listed below. The Character Trait must be listed on the 3"X5" card attached to your entry.
6. **Computer Photo Enhancement (340)** (Color Only) – a photographic image (picture) taken with a film or digital camera and enhanced with computer software programs (such as Adobe® Photoshop®, Adobe® Illustrator®, or CorelDRAW®). Anything may be done to enhance the photographic image as long as it meets ACTS Student Convention guidelines.

Appreciative	Dependable	Honest	Purposeful
Attentive	Determined	Humble	Resourceful
Available	Diligent	Joyful	Respectful
Compassionate	Discerning	Kind	Responsible
Committed	Discreet	Loyal	Secure
Concerned	Efficient	Meek	Self - Controlled
Confident	Equitable	Merciful	Sincere
Considerate	Fair	Observant	Submissive
Consistent	Faithful	Optimistic	Tactful
Content	Fearless	Patient	Temperate
Cooperative	Flexible	Peaceful	Thorough
Courageous	Forgiving	Perseverant	Thrifty
Creative	Friendly	Persuasive	Tolerant
Decisive	Generous	Prudent	Truthful
Deferent	Gentle	Punctual	Virtuous

## COLOR AND MONOCHROMATIC RULES

1. Entries must have been taken after the previous ACTS Student Convention and must not have been entered in any other contests.
2. Entries must be the sole work of the student.
3. Entries must be 8"X10" mounted with a mat approximately 11"X14" (No frames.)



4. Entries must arrive for judging in satisfactory exhibition condition.
5. ACTS is not responsible for entries lost or damaged.
6. Subjects in entries **MUST conform** to ACTS Student Convention dress standards.
7. Each photo may be entered in only one event.

## COMPUTER PHOTO ENHANCEMENT ADDITIONAL RULES

1. Computer Photo Enhancement is a photographic image (picture) taken with a film or digital camera and enhancement with computer software programs (Adobe Photoshop or Illustrator, Corel Draw, or other image enhancing programs). Anything may be done to enhance the photographic image as long as it meets ACTS guidelines.
2. Objects may be added or deleted from the image (picture). For example, an object may be removed and added to a new environment, or objects can be added to create a new environment. Text may be added to make a poster, church bulletin, greeting card, etc.
4. The student must attach the original photographic image (picture) on the back of the enhanced photo for comparison purposes.

### Check List for Photography

1. Each entry must be labeled with a 3"X 5" card securely attached to the back of the mat with: entry (Character Trait portrayed if entering Character Trait picture), student's name, school name, school address, city, state, ZIP code.
2. Photography Report (CF37) securely attached to the back of the entry.
3. Progress Control Form (CF9). One (1) copy
4. Judge's Forms (CF38) Three (3) copies with name, address, and entry filled in.

**Note to Sponsor:** Be sure the contestant enters the correct category. Review the Judge's Forms to see where points are given and make sure that the entry includes each point.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

**Originality**-The way the medium expresses the student's own idea rather than following the pattern of others.

**Content**-The subject matter or topic treated must conform to ACTS standards of what is acceptable in behavior, dress, etc.

**Focus**- The sharpness of essential details in the photograph is very important. Good use of depth of field or diffusion for special effect.

**Contrast**-The difference between light and dark used to display the content to the best advantage.

**Density**-The accuracy of exposure exhibited by overall tonal quality.

**Lighting**-The placements of lighting to best exhibit the subject.

**Mounting**-Close attention to the color, texture, and permanence of the material on which the photograph is exhibited should be observed.

For judging criteria, see CF37 and CF38.

## **HINTS FROM THE PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES**

Judges will pay close attention to the technical qualities of your work. Next to content comes composition. This includes the number of subjects, their arrangement, and the background of the picture. When composing, keep your photography simple. Too much symbolism or clutter is distracting to the viewer. Avoid placing the main subject "dead center." This produces a dull, static effect that is not very pleasing to the eye. After composing the photo, carefully check the background for distracting, objectionable elements. Ugly telephone wires or distracting blotches of color that detract from the main subject have ruined many fine shots. Nothing in the photo, even though in the background and out of focus, should violate Christian standards. Finally, pay close attention to the finishing touches. Your photo should be clean and free of scratches, dust specks, or wrinkles, and should be matted attractively. Often these are the factors that are used to break ties.