

**2020 PHOTOGRAPHY**

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Possible Points	4	3	2	1	Points
<b>Presentation Ready (4)</b> Neat, Sturdy backing, Plastic Hanger, mat (optional)	Mat enhances photo, mount is neat and sturdy, hanger attached	Mat and mount are adequate, hanger attached	One requirement not met	More than one requirement not met	
<b>Focus (4)</b> Sharpness, quality of subject	Sharp focus of subject	Good focus of subject	Inadequate focus of subject	Subject is blurry	
<b>Lighting (4)</b> Illumination of subject	Light is used to enhance and emphasize subject and greatly achieves this through visibility, clarity, and texture, without glare or unwanted shadows	Use of light is adequate, possibly not exactly achieving desired effect, may have unwanted or distracting shadows	Photo is somewhat dark or overly lightened.	Photo is so dark or bright that subject is almost lost.	
<b>Subject (4)</b> Subject is clear, creative	It is obvious who or what the subject is; shows effective communication.	Subject could be better emphasized.	Unclear who or what the subject is.	Photo does not seem to have a clear subject.	
<b>Composition (4)</b> Pleasing selection and arrangement of subjects	Photo is simple and uncluttered. Follows "Rule of Thirds" as a guide for placement of subject or creative placement effective	Photo is simple and uncluttered. Placement of subject could be better.	Photo is cluttered. Subject is in the center of photo; not creative, loses interest.	Photo is cluttered; no obvious composition.	
<b>Impact (4)</b> Effect on audience	WOW factor, really catches attention	Overall good photo, catches attention	Acceptable, but ordinary	Easily overlooked, little or impact on audience	
<b>Creativity (4)</b> Unique viewpoint or composition, special effects, use of technology (apps, filters, etc.	Captures subject in a new unexpected or surprising way and/or uses technology to create a professional quality photo.	Captures subject in a new way or uses technology to create a pleasing photo.		Common/ordinary or unsuccessfully used technology	
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (28)</b>	<b>GRAND CHAMPION</b> —highest point total, judges' choice <b>RESERVE CHAMPION</b> —2 <sup>nd</sup> highest total, judges' choice	<b>FINALIST</b> —considered for GRAND	<b>23 to 28 points</b> <b>"EXCELLENT PROJECT"</b> <b>BLUE RIBBON</b>	<b>17-22 points</b> <b>"GOOD PROJECT"</b> <b>RED RIBBON</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

OPTIONAL COMMENTS:

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