



WPPA Members State Image Competition Guidelines

WPPA State Awards 2024

2024 WPPA Image Judging & More - Competition Facts:

- Judging will be held on **March 2, 2024** at 9:00 a.m. (central).
- Registration opens on **January 26, 2024**.
- All registration takes place at: www.printcompetition.com.
- Entry Deadline is Midnight Central Time, on Thursday, **February 29, 2024**. (it will show as March 1 on the site)
- WPPA is holding THREE competitions.
 - **Photographic Open Competition**
 - **Artist Competition**
 - **Senior Folio Competition**
- **Everyone** is encouraged to enter.
- **Everyone** is eligible to win the Sponsored Awards (ONLY 1 Sponsored Award is allowed per entrant.)
- **WPPA Members** are eligible to win the **WPPA State Awards**. You must have **renewed your 2024 Membership or Joined WPPA BEFORE you enter the 2024 Image Judging and More**.
 - If you live in the state of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and you are not a current member you must join WPPA before you enter to be eligible for WPPA State Awards.
 - If you join WPPA and you reside outside of the state of Wisconsin, and are a member of your state or local affiliate in your state, **you would not be eligible** to win WPPA State awards for 2 years from the date you join WPPA. You would get the benefits of discounted member event pricing.
- Entrants may enter unlimited entries in each of the three competitions. The **Top 4 scoring images** in each of the Competitions you enter is your case score for that Competition. Those images also qualify for WPPA Fellowship Merits. All images you enter qualify for awards as long as they meet the qualifications listed in the award description.
- The entry fee is \$15 per individual entry.
- Entrants may pay an **additional \$30 for image discussion** that takes place the day of the judging and is recorded, one fee for all of the images that you have entered into any of the competitions. Please allow 2 weeks following the completion of the competition for the upload of the discussions to printcompetition.com.
- Entries include any combination of digital entries and digital album entries.

The WPPA Image Competition is designed to further your education in the areas of technical excellence and understanding of an exceptional image that may set you apart from other photographers. Please read all WPPA State Award rules and the Wisconsin PPA Image Competition Rules entirely.



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Images entered are judged against 5 elements. Jurors use these 5 elements to deem whether an entry has met or exceeded the level of a high-quality professional image.

- Impact
- Technical Excellence
- Creativity/Style
- Composition
- Presentation/Title

Scoring Scale – Images entered into the WPPA Image Judging and More can receive scores up to 100 points, dependent on how they meet the Elements of a Merit Image.

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| ○ 100 – 95 | Exceptional |
| ○ 94 – 90 | Superior |
| ○ 89 – 85 | Excellent |
| ○ 84 – 80 | Deserving of a Merit |
| ○ 79 – 75 | Above Average |
| ○ 74 – 70 | Average |
| ○ 69 – 65 | Below Exhibition |

Photographer of the Year

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

Awarded to the individual photographers who has the highest scoring Case totals in the Photographic Open Competition. If there is a tie, the title is awarded to each individual in that place.

Case scores are determined by **adding the 4 highest scoring images** in the Photographic Open Competition and must have a score of 320 or above to be eligible.

Artist of the Year

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

Awarded to the individual photographer who has the highest scoring Case total in the Artist Competition. If there is a tie, the title is awarded to each individual.

Case scores are determined by **adding the 4 highest scoring images** in the Artist Competition and must have a score of 320 or above to be eligible.



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Senior Photographer of the Year

- 1st Place
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

Awarded to the individual photographer who has the highest scoring Case total in the Senior Folio Competition. If there is a tie, the title is awarded to each individual.

Case scores are determined by **adding the 4 highest scoring Folios** in the Senior Folio Competition and must have a score of 320 or above to be eligible.

Wisconsin's Top Ten

Awarded to the top 10 WPPA Members with the highest Case Totals from either of the completions. Case scores are determined by **adding the 4 highest** scoring images in each competition for each person.

- If you have cases in several of the competitions your highest case will be the one considered for the Top Ten Award.
- In the event there is a tie that brings the total to more than 10 imagers, THE TIE WILL BE BROKEN utilizing the highest scoring image in the case in the competition.
- There should always be exactly ten people honored as Wisconsin's Top Ten.

Clean Sweep (4 for 4 Pin)

Awarded to all individuals who scored 80 or above on all 4 images in a Competition. (If entered in multiple competitions you may win several Clean Sweeps of all 4 images are 80 or above in each competition.

Outstanding Achievement Award

Awarded to the highest scoring non-master image-Case total. If there is a tie, title is awarded to each individual.

Elite Collection

Awarded to the top 40-50 highest scoring images. The cut-off score must be 80 or higher; typically, it has been 82, 83, or 84, but varies from year to year. (Purple Ribbons)



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Creative Genius Award

Fresh and New Idea, never seen before, an Outside of the Box image. Need not be given every year. Images are chosen from all Images by the Judges regardless of score.

Best of Show Awards

Chosen by the Judges - Each judge selects their top one or two images. These images are placed together and the awards are selected collaboratively by the panel of judges. Images are chosen from all images scoring 80 points or above.

Best of Show Awards are given in the following categories: (Purple Rosette)

- Portrait
- Illustrative
- Wedding
- Commercial
- Artist
- Reportage
- Landscape
- Wildlife
- Senior Folio

Judges Choice

Awarded by each judge and jury chair, to their personal favorite image regardless of score. (Pink Rosette Ribbon, preferably with judge's signature on it)

Court of Honor Awards

Chosen by the Judges - Each judge selects their top one or two images. These images are placed together and the awards are selected collaboratively by the panel of judges. Images are chosen from all images scoring 80 points or above. (Blue Rosette Ribbon)

Images are chosen from all images scoring 80 points or above in each of the sub-sub categories of the Categories listed. A minimum of 9 and a maximum of 18 Court of Honors Awards.

- Portrait
- Illustrative
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- Landscape
- Wildlife
- Senior Folio



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WPPA Members State Awards - Awarded by other Organizations

The ASP (American Society of Photographers) State Elite Award

- Presented to the ASP member in good standing for the highest scoring entry at his or her State Image Competition. This means that he or she is a member in good standing with WPPA as per our Bylaws and that he or she must be current with their ASP dues PRIOR to the competition.
- In the event of a tie, total case score will be the first tiebreaker.
- In the unlikely event that a tie still exists, the second highest scoring entry in the case will break the tie. In the really unlikely event that a tie still exists, the third highest scoring entry will break the tie. If by the remotest chance a tie still exists, ASP will declare co-winners of the award and provide an additional trophy. Both recipients should be duly recognized at the awards ceremony for their accomplishments.
- An ASP member is eligible for the State Elite Award only in the state in which he or she resides, or the state listed as their primary affiliation.
- The State representative from ASP will do the presentation of the ASP Best of the Best video and the award.

CPP Award from PPA

Awarded to a current Certified Professional Photographer WPPA member with the highest scoring image. If there is a tie, the next image in their case will break the tie. Winning entry must have a score of at least 80 (deserving of a merit) to qualify.

AIM (Animal Image Makers) Trophy

Wildlife, Canine, Cats, Domestic and Exotics, Equine, Lizards, fish, birds, guinea pigs, snakes, Farm Animals etc. Wild & Zoo Animals, Birds, and Insects. You could have captured the image as a portrait or from an African safari, trip to the zoo, trip to the swamp or in your yard.

The AIM trophy is to be awarded to the highest scoring animal image in the competition. If there is a tie, judges will decide on the winning entry. Winning entry must have a score of at least 80 (deserving of a merit) to qualify.



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Lab Sponsors - Awarded by Labs

ACI

ProPrints

h+h Color Lab

Miller's Professional Imaging

Saal Digital

(Keep an eye out for any other Sponsor Additions on our Website)

- **One lab award per maker/entrant**
 - **If an entrant has won a sponsored lab award the award will go to then next eligible maker/entrant.**

*WPPA Print Committee of uninvolved members will be the final decision on any issues/ questions that may arise.