



**SkillsUSA California
Photography
2017 Regional Contest**

Description: Competitors will demonstrate their skills in photography in the following areas: written test, an on-site photo shoot, and an interview including their 2 mounted prints and resume.

The **Regional Competition** will consist of

- Photography written knowledge test
- 2 mounted prints, a minimum size of 11x14" mounted or matted on 16x20" board
- Interview using 2 mounted prints and resume
- On-site photo shoot:
 - One-hour photo shoot based on an assignment given the morning of the event
 - One-hour to edit and submit four photos from the shoot plus 1 composite.

Contest Limit: 3.5 hours maximum

Field Shoot: Students will be given a theme. They will have 2 hours to capture photographs on site that are representative of the assigned theme using their own DSLR and gear. Gear could include: reflectors, flash, lenses, tripods, etc. At the conclusion of the 2 hour on site shoot, students will be allotted 1 hour to select and edit their four best images applying minor adjustments (IE: cropping, exposure, levels, white balance).

Digital Manipulation: A single image will be generated using the four images from the field assignment. This single image will be a conceptual design/fine art piece. They will be expected to use their imagination, creativity, and editing skills to manipulate and layer the images into a single composite. The composite must be 8x10" @ 300dpi.

Interview: Competitors will be judged in an interview with an industry professional using their resume and 2 mounted prints.

Written Test: Students will take a short multiple choice test on general photography knowledge.

***Maximum score** = 600 points. **DO NOT score** the following: Studio, Trouble Shooting, Color Correction, or Conceptual Design.

Contest Requirements:

1. Provided by SkillsUSA:
 - Table with power available for each competitor's computer.
 - Handouts
 - Judges

2. Materials provided by Contestants:

- Computer with software installed and functioning.
- Cabling required for all equipment
- Resumé and 2 mounted prints
- DSLR or mirrorless digital camera
- Flash drive
- Tripod / additional equipment as needed
- Card reader and media

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