

# SkillsUSA Photography Scoring Criteria - Maryland

## **Part 1: Field Assignment** (Time to completion: 1 hour to photograph and 1 hour to edit)

Students will go on assignment and capture images that relate to a “theme” using their own supplied digital camera & accessories. Students must demonstrate their ability to stay within the parameters with respect to:

1. Location
2. Theme
3. Time limit
4. Technical and artistic proficiency

## **Part 2: Written Test** (Time to completion: 30 mins)

Students will be tested on a wide variety of topics. Questions include areas on:

1. Quality of Light
2. Digital SLR Features/Functions
3. Photo Basics
4. Digital Imaging

## **Part 3: Digital Editing** (Time to completion: 1 hour)

Students will be required to complete a digital image manipulation project using their school or personal computer and available version of Adobe Photoshop.

## **Part 4: Print Competition** (Not timed)

Students are required to submit 2 prints that will be scored by a panel of professional judges. Particular attention will be given to:

1. The technical & artistic aspects of the image
2. The overall impact
3. Images must be 11x14 mounted to 16x20 foam core. Use 16x20 black matting with an 11x14 window to match print size.
4. NOTE: This is a Photography competition and not Graphic Design. Over-manipulation of images is not recommended.

### **OVERALL POINT STRUCTURE**

Part 1: Field Assignment . . . . .	250 points
Part 2: Written Test . . . . .	250 points
Part 3: Digital Editing . . . . .	250 points
Part 4: Print Competition . . . . .	250 points
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1000 points</b>

## **CONTESTANTS REQUIRED ITEMS**

1. Laptop with a copy of Adobe Photoshop loaded.
2. Digital SLR or high-end mirrorless camera & lens
3. 2 Memory Cards (16GB min) – FORMATTED / EMPTY!!!
4. Extra camera batteries & charger
5. Camera's USB cable or SD card adapter for downloading images to computer
6. Speedlight Flash & light meters (helpful but not mandatory)
7. Pencil

**\*\*\*If your student does not have the required items to complete the competition, they may be disqualified. Please be sure they have all mandatory items (1-5) on the above list.**

**IMPORTANT:** Please be sure to equip your student with the computer's password and authorization to save files to the hard drive. Also, practice using the student's smartphone hotspot feature to access your Adobe account to boot Photoshop and/or Lightroom. Wifi access on site is never a guarantee.

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