

RULES OF THE NCIAI PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The purpose of the North Carolina International Association for Identification Photography Contest is to promote and recognize excellence in photography among the membership.

- The photography contest will be held once a year at the NCIAI conference.
- The contest will be coordinated by the Awards and Goodwill Committee.
- **Entrants must be NCIAI members.**
- All entries must be photographed by the entrant. An entrant may submit up to two photographs. Those two photographs can be in either or both categories. Only photographs taken since January 2017 are eligible for this contest.
- There are two categories for entries: Forensics and Open. The Forensics category will encompass any photographs related to forensics (scene and lab) and police related activity. The Open category will encompass all other entries and can be of any subject from portraits to sports, from landscapes to weddings. The entrant must choose the appropriate category upon submission.
- Entries will be made digitally. They should be a minimum of 3400 pixels on the shortest side. Entries may be in color or black and white. A cell phone image is also acceptable. For cell phone images, please submit a full sized image without any editing completed in the phone as this degrades the image. You can edit images in Adobe Photoshop or some similar program in the computer, however, this is not a digital art competition. The photographs should remain photographs and be true to the way that they were originally captured.
- **Entries will be emailed to: Melissa.southern@wakegov.com by 5 PM on Sunday, April 15th, 2018. Only one photograph can be entered per email. Each entrant may enter up to two photographs.**
- The following information must be included in the email along with the entry:
 - Name of Photographer
 - Agency
 - Contact Information (phone number, email address, etc.)
 - Category (Forensics or Open)
 - Date photograph was taken
 - Title and Description of photograph
- The Awards and Goodwill Committee will print each photograph as submitted at 14 inches on the longest side. These photographs will be mounted on foam core or similar material.
- The criteria for judging is subject matter, photography skill, and impact of the photograph.
- The Awards and Goodwill Committee will appoint two judges for a three-judge panel. The First Vice-President of the NCIAI shall serve as the third judge. If any judge is unable to complete their duties, the Awards and Goodwill Committee will appoint a replacement for that judge.
- The first place winner in each category will be awarded a plaque and a \$100 prize. The second place winner in each category will be awarded a \$25 prize. Each entrant will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- Awards will be presented during the banquet on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.
- All entries will be exhibited throughout the day on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 and at the banquet.
- Entrants may take possession of the printed versions of their entries following the banquet and by the end of the conference on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Any prints not claimed by the end of the conference will be disposed of by the NCIAI.