2024 District 7 Photography Contest 9:00am – 5:30pm

Location: Lamar State College

1500 Proctor St, Port Arthur, TX

Building: Performing Arts Building Room: 134

Competition Equipment Requirements:

- DSLR or mirrorless camera
- Camera battery
- Memory card (Needs to be formatted)
- USB card reader
- USB flash drive with two photos loaded for the contest.
- Computer/Laptop loaded with Adobe Photoshop (A lab will not be available this year)
- *Students will face penalty for not having proper materials.

Optional:

- Extension cords
- External flash
- Tripod
- Extra batteries & chargers
- Extra memory card

Scope of the Competition:

9:00 - Check In/Orientation

9:10 – 9:20 - Part 1: (10 minutes) Students will turn in 2 photos to be graded, the photos should demonstrate technical proficiency and artistic ability. Photos should be cropped to 11x14 size. Students should bring a flash drive with two photos to submit on a google drive when checking in to the contest. Students must also present a one page written resume.

9:20 - 10:20 - Part 2: (60 minutes) Students will have 60 minutes to shoot their field assignment. All shooting must be done in **manual mode**. They may use tripods, light meters, flashes, and different lenses they bring with them to get the shots they want.

By 10:30- Part 3: Edit and turn in the field assignment.

By 11:30 - Part 4: Complete the conceptual piece and turn it in. Contestants will get a conceptual assignment to complete using Photoshop to demonstrate their ability to manipulate digital images.

Lunch Break: 11:30am-12:00pm

By 1:00 - Part 5: Complete the digital editing piece and turn it in.

By 5:30 – Part 5-8: Complete the photography test, troubleshooting, & studio lighting. Contestants will be given a lighting diagram matching test. They will be tested on lighting patterns listed on the Skills USA Photography standards and will identify lighting diagrams. Contestants will also complete a 50 question test. Contestants will be asked to identify standard digital troubleshooting problems.

Time: 7 hours

Clothing Requirements: (No jackets required)

For men: Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt with black dress slacks, black socks and black dress shoes. **For women:** Official SkillsUSA white polo shirt with black dress slacks or knee-length skirt, black socks or skin-tone hose and black, closed-toe dress shoes.

*Plain white polos are also acceptable at district contests.