



2025 North West Regional Skills Canada Competition

Contest Description

Northwestern Polytechnic

April 10 & 11, 2025

EVENT: Photography		LEVEL: Secondary
DURATION OF CONTEST: 4.5 HOURS		LOCATION: NWP Fairview Campus
COMPETITION SCHEDULE:		REGIONALIZED: NO If YES, To compete at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition students must qualify at their Regional Skills Canada Competition.
ORIENTATION	APRIL 10 - 6:00pm	
COMPETITION	APRIL 11 8:00am-11:30pm	
LUNCH	11:30pm-12:30pm	
COMPETITION	APRIL 11 12:30pm-1:30pm	
JUDGING STARTS	1:30pm	
AWARDS CEREMONY INFORMATION: April 11 @ 6 pm in the NWP Fairview Campus Theatre		

CONTEST INTRODUCTION

Competitors will be able to evaluate their proficiency and creative use of aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Competitors will demonstrate how combinations of these three elements give very different results. The photography competition will focus on a high-level end product.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED

- Shutter Speed, Aperture, ISO, Focal Length
- Composition
- Post Production/Workflow

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- Competitors will take 3 well composed, correctly exposed photographs designed around a given theme.
- **The project's theme is *LIGHT & DARKNESS*.** Submit 3 photographs showcasing what you believe the Light and Darkness means to you. Photos must be taken within the NWP grounds.
- Help menus may be accessed and google searches may be performed to assist with editing photos
- No use of Adobe Photoshop Pre-sets is allowed
- Adding elements to your images and combining photographs is NOT ALLOWED
- A digital copy of each color jpeg as well as RAW digital photo (saved to USB memory stick) will be collected for printing. Prints will then be mounted for presentation by competitors

Please note: Competitors may be granted access to Skills Competition areas ONLY if permission from the Committee Chair of that specific competition allows it. If granted access, competitors MUST be outfitted in the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment for that particular area.



EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

Equipment and Materials Competitors Must Supply:

- DSLR camera and any other camera-related equipment i.e. card reader, cables, battery chargers, lenses, memory cards etc.
- Tripods(optional)
- Speedlight or other lighting modifiers (optional)
- **Competitors may bring their own computer (Please advise of your decision to Tech Committee)**

Equipment and Materials Supplied by the Committee:

- Computers with Adobe Photoshop and or Light room
- Memory sticks
- Mounting boards and materials
- Card Readers

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Impact
- Effective Composition
- Techniques (E.g. Lighting, Posing)
- Professional Presentation (E.G. Retouching, Mounting)

TIE BREAKING PROCESS

In the event of a tie, the judges will re-evaluate the over view of the 3 photographs. The competitor with the best 3 photos will be declared the winner.

RELATED CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES COURSES

Descriptions of all modules are located at the following website:

<https://education.alberta.ca/career-and-technology-studies/programs-of-study/>

CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

It is important that competitors present a professional image and appearance. Appropriate work clothing must be worn to compete. All clothing must be neat and clean and free of rips and tears. Casual wear such as shorts will not be permitted. No loose-fitting clothes or jewelry.

SAFETY

The health, safety and welfare of all individuals involved with Skills Canada Alberta are of vital importance. Safety is a condition of participation with Skills Canada Alberta and shall not be sacrificed for the sake of expediency. At the discretion of the judges and technical committees, any competitor can be denied the right to participate should they not have the required proper safety equipment and/or act in an unsafe manner that can cause harm to themselves or others.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lunch will be provided for all competitors. Unfortunately, all allergies may not be able to be accommodated for. Please connect with the local Regional Coordinator for more information.

Regulations & Policies: A copy of the Skills Canada Alberta Regional Regulations & Policies can be found at the following link: <http://www.skillsalberta.com/policies-and-procedures>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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