

SIPA's Best Visual Contest instructions

Email entries to hsjournogmail.com by 5 p.m. Feb. 11. Fee: \$5 per entry

Read the submission guidelines carefully. If you have any questions or problems with the process, please contact Leslie Dennis by 5 p.m. on Feb. 11 with any questions.

Publications are limited to **THREE entries per category**. This is a **visual** competition, which means spreads/pages and online elements are judged on design, not written content. See category descriptions for more information.

Eligibility requirements:

- You must be a SIPA member.
- Entries must be published during the 2021-2022 school year. (Exception: Portfolio categories and Yearbook spring insert.)
Literary magazines – If your magazine is published once a year and students have not created new designs for this year's publication, you may submit designs from the 2019-2020 edition, if those designs were not entered in the previous convention's competition.

Entries will be disqualified if they do not meet the established criteria.

You can only enter in either newspaper categories or newsmagazine categories. You may not enter in both types of categories.

Deadline:

Entries must be submitted by **Feb. 11, by 5 p.m.**

How to prepare and submit...

broadcast and online entries –

broadcast entries should be uploaded to an online hosting site (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.)

1. Make a list

- You can use the forms provided on pages 5-9 or create your own list as long as you include all the relevant information. Save this list as a Word Doc or a PDF.
- If you create your own composite list, include the category name and the name(s) of student(s) responsible for each entry. For broadcast and online entries, include the link for each entry next to the category and student names.

2. Double check and save

- Test the URL so that the judges will not have any trouble when they click on it.
- Save this list as a Word Document or PDF

3. Submit!

- Email the list of entries with the subject line "2022 SIPA's Best Visual entries" to HSjournogmail.com.
- Please bring a copy of your composite list to the convention as a record of submissions.

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All OTHER Entries –

Save all your entries in one folder named SIPAVisual21_SchoolName. Ex: SIPAVisual22_UnivSC

Photos should be saved as **JPEGs**. All other entries should be saved as **PDFs**.

Naming your entries:

Name all files

Category Initials_School_Adviser's Initials.

Ex: if you enter the Newspaper Front Page and you are with Carolina Forest HS, the file should be saved as **NF_CFHS_MA.pdf**.

If you enter more than once in a category, the files should be named **NF1_CFHS_MA.pdf** and **NF2_CFHS_MA.pdf**.

Always include a list

Include a composite list of all entries (saved as **Composite List**). You can use the form provided on [pages 5-9](#) or create your own list as long as you include all the relevant information. Save this list as a Word Doc or a PDF.

****If you do not save photos with a caption or as the proper size, they will not be considered.**

Now, just submit!

Upload your folder to either [Google Drive](#) or [Dropbox](#) and share it with HSjourno@gmail.com.

You will receive an email once we receive your entries. If you do not receive an email notification within 24 hours of submission, email Leslie at dennislc@email.sc.edu. No submissions will be accepted after 5 p.m. Feb. 11.

If you have ANY questions about the procedures, contact Leslie Dennis at dennislc@email.sc.edu ahead of time, and she will walk you through this. Plan ahead!

How do you save portfolio entries? You have two options:

- Combine all the the files (spreads, photos) into a single PDF and save as YBP(or whatever category)_USC_LD.pdf OR
- Create a folder for each portfolio submitted (PORT1 or YBP1) and save individual files in that folder.

Saving photos & spreads:

Photos

- Open the image in Photoshop and select File Info under File.
- In the Description field, enter caption and photographer information.
- Open Image Size under the Image menu and resize the image. If one or more of the pixel dimensions is larger than 2500 pixels, select the larger of the two numbers and reduce it to 2500 pixels. No other numbers need to be changed.
- Save as a **JPEG** file.

Spreads

Save your PDF as a spread, creating a single horizontal page out of two vertical pages. Consult your design software help guide for assistance.

SIPA's Best Visual Contest category descriptions

Advertising – provides all essential information

- Community/business ad
 - Online advertisement
 - Patrons page
 - Senior ad
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Art/Graphic/Illustration

- Animated cartoon – computer, handdrawn or stop motion
 - Animated cartoon series – three or more examples
 - Editorial cartoon – succinct message, displays artistic talent
 - Computer art – creative, enhances content
 - Illustration – artistic, develops a mood or theme
 - Infographic – informative, attractive, gives attribution
 - Strip cartoon – entertains with high technical quality
 - Art portfolio – four art pieces by one student
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Broadcast

- Anchor (30-60 seconds) – includes three or more examples. Poised, confident, clear.
- Commentary – editorial segment designed to inform and persuade
- Commercial (1:30 max) – advertises product or event
- Graphics – includes three or more examples. Creative, flashy without being distracting
- Human interest (2:30 max) – strong subject and focus
- Hype video (2:30 max) – creates excitement for event
- Music video (5:00 max) – 100% student-produced material, no copyrighted material, original storyline
- Nat pack (1:30 max) – b-roll, soundbites and nat sound
- News (2:30 max) – unbiased, relevant to students, informs
- Promos (60 seconds) – informative and entertaining
- Public service announcement (30-60 seconds) – clear message, creative, persuasive
- Reporter (1:30 max) – includes three or more examples. Poised, clear, factual, explains
- Short film (4:00 max) – original music, quality video/ audio, tells a story
- Sports coverage (2:30 max) – unbiased, informative
- Videography (2:30 max) – includes three or more examples of stable, strong sequencing, good lighting and framing
- Talent reel (2:30 max) – portfolio that includes three or more example of student's work

Literary Magazine

- Cover – clean, simple, includes basic information
 - Drama script package – clean package that includes drama script and production cues
 - Fiction spread – includes fiction elements, clean
 - Gallery spread – effectively showcases elements
 - Music composition package – includes song lyrics, sheet music and/or link to performance
 - Nonfiction spread – includes nonfiction elements
 - Poetry spread – organizes poems effectively
 - Table of contents – easy to read, well organized
 - Lit mag portfolio – four literary magazine design pieces by one student
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Newsmagazine

(newsmagazine is a different type of publication from newspaper. If you need guidance on which category you should enter, email Leslie.)

- Alternative storytelling – non-traditional storytelling element or group of elements
- Newsmagazine cover – attractive nameplate, considered a work of art
- Entertainment package – content restricted to features and news about entertainment subjects
- Feature package – clear relationships between story and graphics
- Headline package – creatively, attractively designed headline that relates to story package
- In-depth cover story – multiple spread feature
- News package – stories organized by level of importance, graphics inform and contribute to overall impact
- OP/ED package – includes masthead, no ads included on page
- Sports package – strong visual center of interest and flow
- Table of contents page – attractive, informative, strong reader service, shows strong teaser functionality
- Newsmagazine portfolio – four newsmagazine design pieces by one student

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Newspaper

- Alternative storytelling – non-traditional storytelling element or group of elements
- Newspaper front page – attractive nameplate, generates interest, showcases important content
- Centerspread – relevant topic packaged well with strong graphics, headlines and photography
- Entertainment page – content restricted to features and news about entertainment subjects
- Feature page – clear relationships between story and graphics
- Headline package – creatively, attractively designed headline that relates to story package
- News page – stories organized by level of importance, graphics inform and contribute to overall impact
- OP/ED page – includes masthead, no ads included on page
- Sports page – strong visual center of interest and flow
- Newspaper portfolio – four newspaper design pieces by one student

Online – *multimedia packaging/design*

- Computer graphics – delivers message in clean manner
- Digital storytelling (3:00 max) – mixes images, music, narrative and voice to provide in-depth look
- Features package – engaging human interest multimedia
- News package – unbiased, relevant to student readership
- Opinion package – interactivity displays student voices
- Photo gallery – proper credits and cutlines
- Podcast – clear content and quality
- Sports package – variety of media and graphics
- Videography (2:30 max) – stable, strong sequencing, good lighting and framing
- Online portfolio – four online design pieces by one student

Photography – *includes all publications. All entries MUST include captions. See instructions on how to save photos.*

- Academic – action of learning environment
- Club – action of group activity
- Computer special effects – photos retouched with computer software such as Photoshop

- Environmental portrait – emphasizes personality of and gives insight into subject
- First-year student – one photo from a first-year student on staff. Subject matter wide open.
- News – action, provides news value
- Pictorial/scenic – highlights landscape
- Sports – action, captures a dramatic moment
- Sports reaction – captures the response to an action or sports moment
- Student life – action, captures extracurricular activities
- Photography portfolio – four photographs by one student

Social media

- Promotion – at least 10 examples across two or more platforms promoting your publication, an event, a group, your school or a combination
- Storytelling – at least 10 examples of coverage using social media platforms to report, update and engage with audience

Yearbook

- Academic spread – highlights classroom activities
- Alternative copy – non-traditional storytelling devices creatively designed
- Club spread – spotlights club and activities
- Cover – introduces theme, includes pertinent information
- End sheet – reiterates unifying concept/theme
- Headline package – creatively, attractively designed headline that relates to spread
- Index spread – creatively lists people included in book
- Opening spread – carries elements of theme concept
- People spread – action in photos do not face off page
- Profile spread – goes beyond superficial coverage
- Section divider – innovative, adheres to theme concept
- Sports spread – photos blend well with overall design
- Student life spread – headline establishes verbal-visual connection
- Title page – contains all pertinent information, maintains theme
- Yearbook portfolio – four design pieces by one student

SIPA's Best Visual Contest entry form

Broadcast & online submissions – include URL and students' names

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School _____ Publication name _____

Broadcast

Anchor – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Commentary – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Commercial – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Graphics – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Human interest – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Hype video – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Music video – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Nat pack – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

News story – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Promos – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Public service announcement – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

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Reporter – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Short film – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Sports coverage – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Videography – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Talent reel – Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Online

Computer graphics –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Digital storytelling –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Features package –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

News package –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

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Opinion package –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Photo gallery –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Podcast –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Sports package –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Videography – (not the same as broadcast videography submission)

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

Online Portfolio –

Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Student: _____

Social media – do not submit links. These must be submitted via email/dropbox/drive with multiple examples organized in a folder (or try Wakelet!).

(SMP) Social media promotion – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(SMS) Social media storytelling – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

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Ad, art & graphics submissions

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School _____ Publication name _____

Advertising

(CA) Comm./business ad- Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(OA) Online advertising - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PA) Patrons page - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(SA) Senior ad - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

Art/Graphic/Illustration

(AC) Animated cartoon - Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

(ACS) Animated cartoon series - Entry 1 URL: _____ Entry 1 Students: _____

Entry 2 URL: _____ Entry 2 Students: _____

Entry 3 URL: _____ Entry 3 Students: _____

(EC) Editorial cartoon - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(COMP) Computer art - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(I) Illustration - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(INF) Infographic - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(S) Strip cartoon - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(AP) Art Portfolio - Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

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Literary magazine and yearbook submissions

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School _____ Publication name _____

Literary magazine

(MC) Cover – Entry Student: _____

(MD) Drama script package – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(MF) Fiction spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(MG) Gallery spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(MMC) Music composition spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(MN) Nonfiction spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(MP) Poetry spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(MT) Table of contents – Entry 1 Student: _____

(LMP) Lit mag portfolio – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

Yearbook

(YA) Academic spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YAC) Alternative copy – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YC) Club spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YCV) Cover – Entry Student: _____

(YES) End sheet – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YH) Headline package – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YI) Index spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YO) Opening spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YP) People spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YPS) Profile spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YSD) Section divider – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YS) Sports spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YSL) Student life spread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(YT) Title page – Entry Student: _____

(YBP) Yearbook Portfolio – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

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Newsmagazine & newspaper submissions – submit in either newsmagazine OR newspaper, but not in both

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School _____ Publication name _____

Newsmagazine

(NAS) Alternative storytelling – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMC) Newsmagazine cover – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NME) Entertainment package – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMF) Feature package – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMH) Headline package- Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMI) In-depth cover story- Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMN) News package – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMOE) OP/ED package – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMS) Sports package – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NT) Table of contents page – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NMP) Newsmagazine Portfolio- Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

Newspaper

(NPA) Alternative storytelling – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NF) Newspaper Front Page – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NC) Centerspread – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NE) Entertainment page – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NFP) Feature page – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NHP) Headline package- Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NNP) News page – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NOE) OP/ED page – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NS) Sports page – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(NPP) Newspaper Portfolio- Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

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Photography submissions

Email form and entries to hsjourno@gmail.com by Feb. 11. \$5 per entry

School _____ Publication name _____

Photography (Includes all publications)

(PA) Academic – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PC) Club – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PCS) Computer special effects – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PEP) Environmental portrait – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PFY) First-year student – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PN) News – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PPS) Pictorial/scenic – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PS) Sports – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PSR) Sports reaction – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PSL) Student life – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____

(PORT) Photo portfolio – Entry 1 Student: _____ Entry 2 Student: _____

Entry 3 Student: _____