

PSSAT Photo Contest Rules

Submitted by the Public Relations and Education Committee (PRE Committee)

For questions regarding the Photo Contest, feel free to email photo@pssat.org to reach a member of the PRE Committee.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the photo contest is to reward members for their participation within the organization. Members are encouraged to submit their photos to share their experiences captured with a camera. Photos will be presented to and the organization

PARTICIPATION

Participation is limited to PSSAT Members, Associate Members, Student Members, and Honorary Members as defined in Section 3 of the PSSAT Constitution and Bylaws. Members, who are delinquent in payment from the previous year, may not participate.

RULES

Photos are to be submitted, entered, and judged within 3 categories. Photos will be emailed to the photo contest email address photo@pssat.org. The submitter will specify which category they wish to submit the photo in and a member of the Photo Contest Committee will verify that the photo meets the requirements of the category. The submitter must have taken the picture his/herself. A brief (less than 100 characters) caption or description can also be submitted with each photo. The three categories and their definitions are below:

Soil Profiles

A photo displaying soil profiles or soil features.

Example: Soil profile in sample pit, redox features, slickensides

Flora/Fauna

A photo displaying flora or fauna (plants or animals)

Example: herd of buffalo, rattlesnake, cotton field, grasslands

Miscellaneous

A photo whose contents do not qualify for the remaining categories.

Example: Landforms, road signs

*The photos must meet the "Terms of Service" as defined by Flickr. These resources can be found on the web (www.flickr.com/help/guidelines)

All submitted photos are to have been captured during the year of submission (ex. To enter the 2016 photo contest, the photo must have been collected in 2016). No location restrictions are present (ex. Photos can be taken in other states/countries).

The photos will be posted within 14 days to all three major social media sites; facebook, twitter, and flickr. The links to each of these pages will be presented on the PSSAT website.

These rules are subject to change, upon approval from the Photo Contest Committee, at any time without notification to the members. Updated rules and amendments will be discussed on an annual basis at the annual meeting.

PHOTO CONTEST COMMITTEE

The photo contest committee consists of the members of the Public Relations and Education Committee. Their responsibilities include, but are not limited to, receiving submissions, verifying categories, arranging displays at public universities, selecting top 3 photos for each category, delivering prizes to recipients, and editing Photo Contest Rules.

Payment to Flickr will organized by the committee.

Prizes for winning photos will be decided by the committee.

TIMELINE

--Annual PSSAT meeting: A display of all submissions will be presented to the members of the organization. The top three photos from each category will be voted on by the attending members. The photo contest committee will count votes and announce 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place votes for each category.

--PSSAT meeting to December 31: Submitted photos are accepted and placed in appropriate category. As photos are submitted, they will be posted to Flickr website.

--January 1 to Annual PSSAT Meeting: Committee will select top 3 places in each category and prepare for annual meeting.

