

CROSS CUTS - PHOTO

**CATEGORIES,
RULES, INFO**

You can enter your photographs in the following 5 categories:

PORTRAITS/PEOPLE

SCHOOL LIFE

PHOTOSHOP/MANIPULATION

ANIMALS/NATURE

OPEN

You are required to fill out the submission/permission form for each photo entry. You can deliver a paper copy to Brantford Collegiate Institute, or simply email it to crosscutsfilmfest@gmail.com with each photo entry.

The contest is open to all high school students from the GEDSB and the BHNCDSD who were enrolled in the 2025 - 2026 school year.

Photographers must have permission from their subjects to enter their photograph in the contest.

You can enter each category a maximum of 2 times. You can enter a maximum of 6 photos for the contest overall.

*Students may use Photoshop, Lightroom or other photo editing software to do minor enhancements for each category...
...but, images that have been significantly modified/manipulated must be entered into the Photoshop/Manipulation category.*

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and honourable mentions will be recognized in each category.

All photo entries must be submitted as JPG files that are a minimum of 150 dpi, and a maximum of 300 dpi. Photo size for submission is a minimum of 1500 px and a maximum of 3000 px on the longest side.

No judges are currently affiliated with any of the high schools involved in the contest.

Photographs should be suitable for family audiences. Inappropriate actions, gestures or language are not permitted and can be grounds for disqualification. This includes sexist or racist content, or content that promotes the use of alcohol or drugs. Photos must not discriminate against, or demean a person or group.

Judges have the right to determine what is inappropriate. Their say is final.

Safety of all participants must be maintained. No person or group of people is to be put in danger at any time during your photo shoots.

BASIC JUDGEMENT CRITERIA:

* Overall Artistic Impression/Impact

* Composition

* Creativity

* Color, Lighting, Exposure and Focus

* Originality

* Appropriateness to Category

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SUBMISSION AND PERMISSION FORM

This form must be submitted with each photo entry!

The submission deadline is May 11th at 3:30 pm

The CROSS CUTS showcase is May 28th in the BCI Auditorium

(check the Cross Cuts website and social media for updates and details)

Email photo files as JPG (and forms as JPG or PDF) to crosscutsfilmfest@gmail.com

See submission guidelines for formatting.

Photo Title: _____

CATEGORY (circle one): **PORTRAITS/PEOPLE** **ANIMALS/NATURE** **OPEN** **SCHOOL LIFE** **PHOTOSHOP/MANIPULATION**

Photographer's Name: _____ Age (as of May 11th, 2026): _____

Email: _____ School: _____

Teacher Contact Name: _____

Teacher Contact Email: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian if not 18: _____

Mailing Address: Street, City _____ Postal Code _____

Photographers must have been high school students in the GEDSB or the BHNCDSD during the 2025-2026 school year.

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Photos will be shown online, and winners will be placed on the Cross Cuts website: crosscutsfilmfest.wixsite.com/film-fest

Please contact katelyn.couture@granderie.ca if you have any questions. Follow us on Instagram for updates.