

SPIE Student Member Video Contest

Official Rules

About

The goal of SPIE Student Member Video Contest is to celebrate the International Day of Light and to share with the community why optics and photonics is a great field to be in.

Organizer

SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, is the organizer of the contest. SPIE is located at 1000 20th Street, Bellingham, WA 98225, USA.

Terms

The SPIE Student Member Video Contest accepts entries beginning 8:00 am PST, 16 May 2022, and ends at 5:00 pm PST, 30 June 2022. By submitting an entry, each participant agrees to the official rules and confirms that his or her entry complies with all requirements noted in the rules.

Winners will be notified by the end of July 2022.

Theme

The theme of the video contest is: Why optics and photonics is a great field.

Examples of potential content includes, but is not exclusive to, creative videos that share:

- What is exciting about the field
- How do you see optics and photonics impacting the world
- Ways to inspire the next generation to study optics and photonics
- People interacting with light and/or light technology

Who May Enter

The video contest, with the associated cash prizes is open to SPIE Student Members only. All entrants must have a current SPIE Student Membership to enter. Entrants are subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Contest is void where prohibited by law.

How to Enter

Video files must be uploaded online via the [SM Apply application](#). Please login using your SPIE account credentials. If you have forgotten your account information, please open [this link](#) and click "Forgot Username" and/or "Forgot Password" or contact students@spie.org if you have any questions.

Video Type, Size, Format, and Resolution

Videos depicting why optics and photonics is a great field to be in must be in digital format, suitable for display online and in social media.

All videos must be 60 seconds or less. Videos more than 60 seconds will not be judged. Videos must either be in mov or mp4 format. Please submit the highest quality video that meet these requirements.

Content Standards

The video must not, in the sole discretion of the organizer, contain obscene, offensive, discriminatory, hateful, inflammatory, defamatory, sexually explicit, or otherwise objectionable or inappropriate content.

Required Information

The entrant's name, address, telephone number, email address, organization, and SPIE Member ID number must accompany each entry.

Limit of Entries

Each SPIE Student Member may submit a maximum of one (1) entry.

Judging Criteria

Each video will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Content: Appropriateness and coverage of content in relation to the theme.
2. Scientific interest: Overall effectiveness in engaging and communicating the contest theme to viewers.
3. Creativity/artistry: Innovation and creativity in the concept.
4. Execution: Execution of videography techniques used to enhance the quality and content of entries.

Judging

Judging will be conducted by a panel of judges selected by SPIE, and may include SPIE Staff. Decisions of the organizer and judges are final and binding.

Prizes

Grand prize: US \$1,000

Additional cash prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organizer.

Winning videos may also be published in various SPIE publications and online. Credit will be given to the Student Member.

Limit one prize per participant.

Winners List

Winners will be notified individually by email in July 2022. Winners' names will be displayed on the SPIE.org website and other methods.

Agreement to Official Rules

By participating in the SPIE Student Member Video Contest, entrants agree to abide by the terms and conditions established by the organizer, SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics. SPIE reserves the right to alter any of these official rules at any time and for any reason. All decisions made by the organizer concerning the contest shall be final and at its sole discretion.

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Each entrant grants SPIE a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, copy, and reproduce in any medium videos submitted to the video contest, and to use the videos in derivative works such as online, social media, articles, or via any means or form of dissemination. SPIE will include full credit to the entrant any time a video is used.

It is the responsibility of each entrant to obtain all relevant model and/or property releases. By submitting videos, each entrant assures that it is their original works and no copyright and/or trademark infringement rights have been violated. It is not the responsibility of SPIE to obtain model and/or property release forms or to assure/examine protection of trademark or copyright infringement rights.

Each entrant agrees that personal data, including name and affiliation, may be used for advertising and promotional purposes in the context of the video contest and for any other purposes outlined in these official rules. The data may also be used by the organizer in order to verify the entrant's identity, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the entrant's eligibility to participate in the contest. Personal data will be used by the organizer and its affiliates exclusively for the purposes stated herein.

SPIE reserves the right to verify the validity and originality of any entry and/or entrant (including an entrant's identity and address) and to disqualify any entrant who submits an entry that is not in accordance with these official rules or who tampers with the entry process.

Limitation of Liability

All entrants agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless SPIE and its partners, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, agents and their employees, officers, directors, and representatives from any claims, losses, and damages arising out of their participation in this contest or any contest-related activities and the acceptance and use, misuse, or possession of any prize awarded hereunder.

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