

GET STARTED NOW



1. WHO CAN ENTER

All companies, educational institutions or individuals who have production facilities and are located in the 13 states of Print Creative Alliance, formally PIA:VMA can enter. Your company MUST have performed some of the production work for the entry submitted.

All entries must be manufactured between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025.

1. CHOOSE YOUR FINEST WORK

Determine which pieces you want to submit based on the work you have produced. The pieces you submit should be free of obvious imperfections.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not label your entry with any company information. Judging is anonymous and any added company information will be removed.

2. SELECT A CATEGORY FOR YOUR PIECE

Don't know which category to select? Consider this....

- The equipment used to produce the piece
- The type of process used
- How the piece is used
- The materials used

Remember: a piece may fit more than one category. You are welcome to submit the same piece in multiple categories.

3. COMPLETE THE FORM PROVIDED

One form per entry—and attach it to your entries. Two samples per entry. When required, a detailed description (50-500 words maximum) should also be included with your entry. Please follow all requirements carefully. The more information provided, the better the judges understand the piece. Entries not containing all requirements will be disqualified.

4. CALCULATE ENTRY FEES

There is no limit on the number of pieces that a company can enter in the 2026 competition.

Entries	Members	Non-Members
1st entry	FREE (with more than 1 entered)	\$135
Up to 10	\$55 each	\$135 each
11 to 25	\$50 each	\$130 each
26 or more	\$40 each	\$120 each

5. SEND YOUR ENTRY WITH FORM

One form per entry and two samples per entry. Send payment and entries to:

**Print Creative Alliance, 2026 PRINT EXCELLENCE AWARDS
5800 SOUTH EASTERN AVENUE, SUITE 400
LOS ANGELES, CA 90040**

NEED MORE FORMS?

Go to Print Creative Alliance, formally PIA:VMA's website to download a PDF at www.piasc.org/printexcellence.

NEED HELP?

Contact:

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ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY NAME:

— AWARD CATEGORY —

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(Entry name will be used for all promotional/award material.)

Size of Entry

Press

Inks

Paper

Production Quantity

Other Special Information*

***ENTRY production notes - Please provide information about the piece being entered. On a separate sheet, provide details with each entry including: processes used, turn-around time, details that makes it special, challenges overcome, special effects used. The more information, the better for the judges. Omit your company name.**

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TYPES OF AWARDS



BEST OF SHÖW

The Best of Show is awarded to the most outstanding piece from the entire competition. Judges select from the Best of Division winning pieces. The winner will receive a personalized 13.5-inch glass award.

SPECIALTY AWARDS

These will be awarded to the most outstanding piece who executes the following individual qualities:

- Best of State
- Best Use of Substrate
- Best Execution of Ink
- Best Design
- Others

Winners will receive a 7-inch personalized glass award.

BEST OF CATEGORY

The Best of Category is awarded to the most outstanding piece in each category. To win a Best of Category, the entry must be flawless. The judges do not always award a Best of Category for every category. More than one Best of Category may be awarded should the judges find multiple entries worthy. Winners will receive a 5-inch personalized glass award.

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

An Award of Excellence is awarded to those entries which are runners-up for Best of Category. Some categories do not always have a Best of Category winner; however, judges can still designate an Award of Excellence. Winners will receive a personalized framed certificate.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

A Certificate of Merit is awarded to a piece deserving recognition for its high level of quality in printing and design. Winners will receive a personalized certificate.

YOUR MARKETING TOOL FOR CLIENT RECOGNITION

Say "Thank you for your business!" by personalizing the exact award won for your client who made this winning project possible. This is also a great opportunity for you to show your client that they picked an award-winning company for their project and should continue doing business with you!

Winners will be announced May 21, 2026 at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles, CA. Formal invitations will be sent.

2026 PRINT EXCELLENCE AWARDS ENTRY FORM

One entry form per entry. One sample per entry.
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COMPANY INFORMATION

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Company Name

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Phone

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Member Account Number

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Company Representative

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Representative Title

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Address 1

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Address 2

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City, State, and Zip Code

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Email

PAYMENT METHOD

To calculate your payment refer to the Get Started section. If submitting more than one entry, only include payment information on the first form. Please keep a copy of each entry form for your records.

Entry Number	Total Number of Entries	Total Payment
<input type="text"/>	of <input type="text"/>	\$ <input type="text"/>

Check enclosed, payable to Print Creative Alliance, Print Excellence

Visa MasterCard American Express

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Credit Card Number

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Exp. Date

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Name on card

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Address

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Signature

All entries become the property of Print Creative Alliance, formally PIA:VMA and are not returnable. Entry constitutes approval for promotional use by Print Creative Alliance.

! Both sides must be completed For your entry to be valid. >>

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