

2026 Southwest Student RAISE Competition

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Who Can Enter

All high school and college students and teachers in the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah who are part of a graphic arts program.

All entries must be designed and printed between April 2025 - March 2026.

Entry Deadline: **March 13, 2026.**

Cost: **Free to enter**

How to Enter

1. SELECT YOUR ENTRIES

Each student can enter up to 3 total entries. Each teacher can enter 1 entry. The judges will focus on creativity, design layout, typography, content, overall visual impact, and your entry notes. Select your very best and describe it!

2. DETERMINE YOUR ENTRY CATEGORY

Check out the categories. Determine which category your entry should compete in. You can enter the same piece in multiple categories but the entry must be prepared for EACH CATEGORY and have a separate form for each one entered.

3. COMPLETE ENTRY FORM

Each student must fill out their own entry tag. Access the Call For Entries info and additional tags on the website at: www.piasc.org/studentcompetitions After typing out the entry tag (no handwriting), tape it to the corresponding entry. All entries MUST have an entry tag taped to it.

4. PREPARE YOUR ENTRIES

- Make copies of your entry forms for your records.
- Apply the ENTRY TAG to each entry with tape.
- Place your entry in a bag or envelope.
- For entries that do not fit in a bag, envelope, or shrink-wrapped package, send it to us in a way that will protect the entry from damage during transport.

5. TURN IN YOUR ENTRIES

Give your entries to your graphic arts teacher or professor no later than March 13, 2026.

Teachers and professors in Arizona: Contact Cathy Skoglund at cathy@piasc.org or 602-999-1304 to arrange a pick up for your entries.

All other states, please ship your entries by March 13, 2026, to arrive the week of March 16th, to:

Cathy Skoglund
25807 S. 199th Place
Queen Creek, AZ 85142
602-999-1304

Please email Cathy to let her know they are on their way.

Winning entries will be recognized in PIA communications. Students who win will receive scholarships. The best of high school and best of college entries will win a trip for 2 to Graphics Night (the premier print excellence show) in May 2026, in Southern California (more info to come).

Categories

HIGH SCHOOL

HS-1 Photography
HS-2 Company Branding/Stationery Package
HS-3 Poster (Movie Poster, Event Poster)
HS-4 Graphic Design
HS-5 Painting
HS-6 Illustration
HS-7 Menu
HS-8 Book Cover
HS-9 Logo Design
HS-10 Print Project
HS-Teacher

COLLEGE

C-1 Photography
C-2 Company Branding/Stationery Package
C-3 Poster (Movie Poster, Event Poster)
C-4 Graphic Design
C-5 Painting
C-6 Illustration
C-7 Menu
C-8 Book Cover
C-9 Logo Design
C-10 Print Project
C-Teacher

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