

PHOTOGRAPHY

LENSCULTURE ART PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS 2027

DEADLINE

16 DEC 2026

23 DAYS LEFT

POSTED	ENTRY FEE	ONLINE
23 Nov 2026	ONE SINGLE-IMAGE ENTRY IS FREE PE...	VISIT ORGANIZER

DETAILS / KEEP FOR REFERENCE

SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The LensCulture Art Photography Awards 2027 invite photographers and visual artists worldwide to submit work that explores photography as an art form. There is no set theme, and the competition welcomes everything from fine art and conceptual photography to experimental images, staged compositions, portraits, landscapes and projects that combine photography with other media.

Photographers can enter individual images or submit a series of up to 10 photographs. Single images are judged separately, while series are considered as complete bodies of work. Analogue photography, cameraless techniques and alternative processes are all welcome, and there are no restrictions on when the photographs were taken. Entries must be submitted digitally, rather than as physical prints.

The seven-member international jury includes photography and art professionals from Tate Modern, The Photographers' Gallery, the Getty Museum and Athens Photo Festival. LensCulture's editors also review submissions throughout the competition, selecting some for the online Competition Gallery and social media. These editorial selections are independent of the final judging. Photographers retain copyright of their work while granting LensCulture permission to use submitted images for administering and promoting its competitions.

Entry fee: One single-image entry is free per person. Additional single images cost US$10 each, or US$35 for five images judged individually. A series of up to 10 images costs US$45. Currently enrolled students and 2026 graduates receive a 30% discount on paid entries. An optional professional written review costs an additional US$25 for a series or an entry of at least five single images.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to professional and amateur photographers and visual artists worldwide aged 18 or over, submitting their own original work; purely AI-generated images are excluded, AI-assisted modifications must be disclosed, and photographs or series that have previously won a LensCulture award cannot win again.

PRIZE

The awards offer US$10,000 in cash prizes across two categories. In the Series category, first place receives US$3,500, second place US$2,000 and third place US$1,000. In the Single Image category, first place receives US$2,000, second place US$1,000 and third place US$500. All six winners will have their work exhibited in London during Photo London 2027, with an opening reception attended by invited photography and art professionals. The three Series winners will also receive individual features on LensCulture. Seven Jurors' Picks will receive special recognition and commentary from the judges, while 20 finalists will be presented alongside the winners in LensCulture's international promotions. Winners, Jurors' Picks and finalists will be included in the permanent online gallery. Selected submissions may also appear in the Competition Gallery and on LensCulture's social media channels through its Editors' Picks programme.