

Photography Resources



We are still building our resources site. Do you know of other resources that have been helpful to you and that you would like to recommend? Share them with us at contests@hslida.ca.

Resources:

- [Lightstock](#) offers collections of stock photos that are moving and powerful, which can inspire you as you seek to find that unique, fresh perspective that will make your photos stand out from the rest!
- Better suited for high school audiences, [How to Take Better Pictures](#) has video tutorials, recommended books, and a wealth of empowering articles, especially [The Secret: What Makes a Great Photo](#).
- [Digital Photography Review](#)—For more serious photographers, this site has reviews about cameras, lenses, photo editing programs, articles, buyers guides, forums, galleries, and more!
- Look at the perspective used to take the photographs at [National Geographic](#) and the [Smithsonian](#), among other larger publication agencies. While you may not be able to go to as exotic locations, you can learn a lot from the perspective, lighting, and composition (including what grabs your attention in each photograph) of these professionals.

- [Lens Buying Guide page](#) has helpful descriptions and graphics showing various camera lenses and their features.
- [Jessica Whitaker](#) is a wonderful resource, with step-by-step tutorials for photographers at all stages

Career:

Love to take pictures? Considering it as a possible career or side job? Even if not professional, photography can be a wonderfully flexible side job throughout your lifetime. Check out some of these great resources which can help you know if photography would be a good direction for you and information on what you can do next to pursue it.

- [SnapShop Workshops](#) offers online DSLR camera photography workshops
 - [12 Best Online Photography Courses, Schools & Degrees](#)
- If you are on the fence of committing your career to photography, the following resources are here to help you make an informed decision about your potential photography profession. Whether you are fully-dedicated to photography and want to earn your online degree or you just want to learn the basics of Photoshop, you can review the links on this page and see what form of education suites you.

Following wholesome photography blogs can help you better understand what life is like for professional or amateur photographers. One that our judges appreciate:

- [Under the Sycamore](#)

For good career consideration in general, check out:

- [Finding the Career That Fits You](#)
- [Young Person's Occupational Outlook Handbook](#)

Volunteer:

If you are considering participating in our contest, you have a growing capacity for photography. Would you consider using that God-given talent to minister to others? Your photos could be a source of great blessing and help to a person in need, a church, or an organization!

We encourage you to be creative as you consider ways you can use your pictures to impact the lives of those around you for good while inevitably honing your own skills. For example, you could:

- Participate in [Help-Portrait 2013](#) to give hope through capturing a person's unnoticed beauty.
- Offer to take pictures at an event hosted by a local non-profit, church, or retirement home
- Start or help out with a program that uses photography to reach out to at-risk kids and youth, providing them with a creative outlet to make positive choices. Check out [Focus on Youth](#) for ideas!
- Take pictures for local or state homeschooling groups at graduations, conferences, science fairs, plays, geography bees, or other special events
- Volunteer with [Inspiration Through Art](#) to give a voice to children who feel forgotten
- Check out [Volunteer Match](#) to find fascinating opportunities to help in your area!
- Ask if local hospitals or animal shelters could benefit from your free services!

The possibilities are endless. Homeschooling gives students and parents room to think outside the box and choose the path that best fits their needs and abilities. Have that same open-minded creativity when it comes to how you can serve your friends, family, and neighbors through your talent for photography!

Had a great volunteering experience? We'd *love* to hear about it! Share with us what you did at contests@hslida.ca