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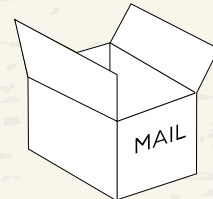
Throughout the year, save **3 SAMPLES** of each of your best projects produced during the **CALENDAR YEAR** to submit. Entries are accepted anytime starting May 1st through the last Friday of January the following year.

Review our **CATEGORY LIST** for descriptions about where that piece fits best (one project can be submitted into multiple categories, and 3 samples for each entry are needed).

WHY 3 SAMPLES? This allows judges to review quality, one sample stays in DFW, one goes to Kansas City and one is sent to **AMERICA'S PRINT AWARDS COMPETITION** if the piece wins a Best of Show or Specialty Platinum award.

Visit **PIAMIDAM.ORG/ENTRIES** to fill out the **ONLINE FORM** Then print the application out & **MAIL** the samples to our office. *(Reduced fee if you hit early-bird deadline! See website for dates.)*

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Independent **JUDGES** fly in for a weekend in February to evaluate pieces and select winners.

Printers are notified in **EARLY MARCH** if their piece has been selected for an award. Best of Category pieces are considered for regional and Best of Show honors, and those winners are announced at the PIA MidAmerica **GRAPHEX GALA**.

Get your party on! Mark your calendar for our annual celebration — the **GRAPHEX GALA**, which takes place in **APRIL** each year. Come be recognized and congratulate your peers. Duplicate awards available with collaborator names on it!

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PIA MIDAMERICA GRAPHEX AWARDS

Visit piamidam.org/entries for resources, dates, and online entry form.

Entries must have been **produced in the calendar year prior to the gala year** within the state of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, or Texas (PIA MidAmerica's region).

Each entry **MUST** consist of:

- (1) one **entry form** (print the completed online form that is sent to your email)
- (3) **three printed samples** (used for judging, People's Choice at awards galas, and national award submissions)
- **Note:** Some entries require additional information or will be disqualified - check the Categories document for more information

DEADLINES

Early bird entries

- Entries received on or before the early bird date (see entry page), can use a promo code to receive \$10 off per entry. The early bird deadline is typically **the second Friday in January**.

Final deadline

Final deadline for entry submission is typically **the fourth Friday in January**.

FEES

Full payment must accompany entries. You can either include a check with your entries, or pay via credit card online through the entry form. Make checks payable to **PIA MidAmerica**. Entries received on or before the early bird deadline can use the coupon code to receive \$10 off per entry.

MAIL

All entries must be received on or before the final deadline, at our Dallas office:

PIA MidAmerica
Attn: GraphEx 2023 Entries
5720 LBJ Freeway, Suite 655
Dallas, TX 75240

Questions or concerns? Call 800-788-2040 or email info@piamidam.org