**PIA | MIDAMERICA**

# graphex

**GRAPHIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
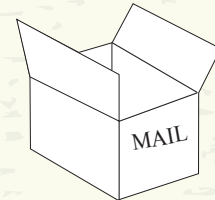
# HOW IT WORKS

**1**

SAMPLES

Throughout the year, printing companies save **3 SAMPLES** of each of their best projects during the **CALENDAR YEAR** to submit.

They 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 NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL PREMIER PRINT AWARDS if the piece wins a 'Best of Category.'

**2**

MAIL

Printers fill out the **ONLINE APPLICATION** — link at **PIAMIDAM.ORG**. They print the application out & MAIL their samples to our office. *(Reduced fee if you hit early-bird deadline! See website for dates.)*

**3**

WIN

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**.

**4**

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!

# PIA MIDAMERICA 2026 GRAPHEX AWARDS

Link to online entry form at **piamidam.org/graphex**

Entries must have been **produced in the 2025 calendar 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 form that is sent to your email)
- (3) **three printed samples** (used for judging, People's Choice at awards galas, PrintOberfest galleries and Premier Print/Benny award submissions)
- *Note:* Some entries require additional information or will be disqualified

## DEADLINES

### Early bird: discount code
- Entries received on or before Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, can use coupon code EARLYBIRD2026 to receive $10 off per entry.

### Final deadline
- Entries must be received on or before Jan. 23, 2026.

## FEES

Full payment must accompany entries. Attach a check with entries or pay via credit card online through the entry form. Entries received on or before Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, can use coupon code EARLYBIRD2026 to receive $10 off per entry.

- Members: $79/entry
- Non-members: $109/entry
- Students: $20/entry

## MAIL

All entries must be received on or before Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, at our office:
> PIA MidAmerica
> Attn: GraphEx 2025 Entries
> 5720 LBJ Freeway, Suite 655
> Dallas, TX 75240

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