



How to Host a Photo/Art Contest

This is a great way for photographers and artists to show off their talent! It has been known to work great in schools, churches, and retirement centers.

How to Get Started:

Ask for submissions from your members of your community, such as students, co-workers, club members and parishioners. You'll be surprised to find how many aspiring artists there are in your community! Select a category to determine the theme of your event such as landscapes, portraits or even photojournalism. You could even make it a funny photo contest!

Set-Up:

Set up the artwork in a well-traveled space such as a major gathering space, hallway or assembly hall. Major aspects of choosing the space are safety and security, so there is no risk of stolen money or damaged artwork.

The Contest:

This will be a juried art show where everyone who passes by the artwork can participate, and this is where the fundraising begins! Place a secure container such as a can or box in front of each work of art. Anyone who passes by can vote for their favorites by placing coins or bills in the appropriate containers. Pick an allotted amount of time for your contest, such as a couple weeks to a month, and leave the display up until then.

Picking the Winner:

At the end of the contest, the money in each container will be counted, and the winner will be the one with the most money in their container. You can give your winner a simple prize such as a permanent display of the artwork in the space or even art supplies donated from a local art store, to contribute to their future masterpieces.

Contact your local Autism Speaks office for autism-related materials to display at your event, such as brochures and Walk Now for Autism Speaks banners.