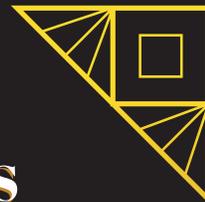
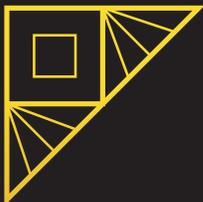




2026

**PIAS
GRAPHIC
AWARDS**

**CALL FOR ENTRIES
DEADLINE MARCH 20**



PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES

Examine each sample thoroughly for hidden flaws that might cause disqualification during the judging, and CAREFULLY pack each entry for shipment to keep the entries from being damaged.

1. Fill out the first 2 sections on the enclosed entry form.
2. Photocopy the Entry Form for the total number of entries you are submitting.
3. Complete Section 3 for each specific entry. The information in Section 3 will appear on your award certificates. Make sure it is complete, legible and correct.
4. Send two (2) identical copies of each piece – with the exception of oversized Point-of-Purchase displays or Large Format Posters, etc.
5. Finally, put the Entry Form on top of each entry, when you have completed all your forms, pack carefully for shipment to: PIAS Awards, 5200 Maryland Way, Suite 301; Brentwood, TN 37027

ENTRY AND HANGING FEES

An entry fee of \$20 is required for each entry, even if the same piece is entered into multiple categories. The fees are due when the entries are submitted. In addition, there are additional hanging fees for the type of award each piece wins:

- \$18 fee is charged for each Award of Excellence
- \$35 fee is charged for each Best of Category

*All hanging fees will be billed following public announcement of the winners in June.

Entry fees must accompany entries. Make checks payable to PIAS or call (615) 366-1094 to disclose credit card information.

Entry Deadline: March 20 2026.

WINNING

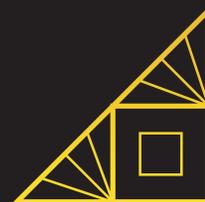
Notification of winners. Award winners will be announced at the Annual PIAS Convention Awards Banquet at the Henderson Beach Resort in Destin, Florida on June 16, 2026. If you cannot attend the Convention and/or Awards banquet you will be notified by email no later June 30 of your winning entries and award certificates will be delivered or mailed soon after.

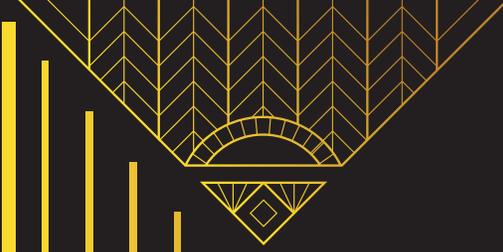
Best of Category. Within each category, the piece judged as the “best printed piece” will be awarded the BOC award. The BOC award will consist of a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque as well as an additional Award of Excellence. The remaining entries will receive an Award of Excellence which is an unmounted certificate (additional plaques can be purchased at \$20 a piece from PIAS if requested).

Best of Division. Each division is separated and all Best of Category winners are judged together to select the Best of Division. BOD winners are then eligible for the Best of Show award. The BOD award will consist of a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque as well as the Best of Division trophy.

Best of Show. This most prestigious award will be presented to the one entry judged as the most outstanding in the competition. The BOS award will consist of a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque as well as the Best of Show trophy.

Americas Print Awards. The Best of Division and Best of Show winners will move onto the Americas Print Awards competition in October 2026 – www.americasprintawards.com





PRINTER CATEGORIES

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS

1A Announcements & Invitations

ANNUAL REPORTS

2A Annual Reports

BROCHURES, BOOKLETS & FLYERS

- 3A Brochures (folded, no saddlestitch)
- 3B Booklets, Large Format (over 6x9)
- 3C Booklets, Small Format (under 6x9)
- 3D Booklet or Brochures Series
- 3E Flyers, Single Sheet

BOOKS

- 4A Books, Hard Cover
- 4B Books, Soft Cover

CALENDARS

5A Calendars

CAMPAIGNS

- 6A Sales Campaigns
(two or more companion pieces that promote a product or brand)
- 6B Corporate Identity Campaigns
(two or more pieces designed to be used together to present a unified identity. Such as stationery, brochures, sales sheets, etc.)

CARDS

- 7A Individual Card or Postcard
- 7B Series of Cards or Postcards

CATALOGS

- 8A Product Catalogs
- 8B Service Catalogs

DIGITAL PRINTING

- 9A Annual Reports
- 9B Booklets
- 9C Books
- 9D Brochures
- 9E Calendars
- 9F Cards
- 9G Catalogs
- 9H Direct Mail
- 9I Invitations
- 9J Magazines
- 9K Posters
- 9L Presentation Folders
- 9M Programs
- 9N Promotional Piece
- 9O Single Stationery Item
- 9P Stationery Package
- 9Q Miscellaneous

DIRECT MAIL

10A Direct Mail

MAGAZINES

- 11A Sheetfed Magazines
- 11B Sheetfed Magazine Series
- 11C Web Magazines
- 11D Web Magazine Series

MISCELLANEOUS

12A Miscellaneous

NEWSLETTERS

13A Newsletters

PACKAGING

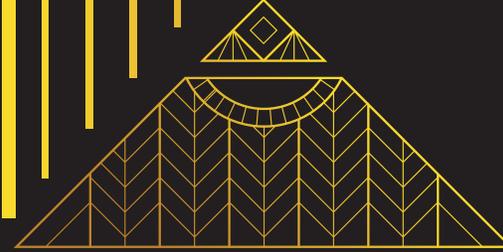
- 14A Branded Product Line Packaging
(multiple pieces promoting one brand)
- 14B Corrugated Packaging
- 14C Folding Carton
- 14D Retail Ready Packaging
- 14F Tags & Labels

POINT OF PURCHASE

- 15A Counter / Shelf POP
- 15B Hanging / Wall / Window POP
- 15C Floor / Stand Alone POP
- 15D Other POP

POSTERS

16A Posters



RULES & REGULATIONS

Entries must have been produced, or reprinted, between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Entries are segregated into Divisions according to number of company employees.

- Division 1: Up to 20 employees
- Division 2: 21 to 60 employees
- Division 3: 61 or more employees
- Division 4: Binding & Finishing Companies

The printer submitting the entry must have performed the majority of the press work in the category being judged, and must have sold the job to an ad agency or the end customer. Companies may enter as many pieces as they wish in any category. Individual pieces may be submitted in more than one category.

PRESENTATION FOLDERS

Folders with no looseleaf or saddle-stitched items

17A Folders
(1, 2 or 3 colors)

17B Folders
(4 or more colors)

Folders with inserts

17C Presentation Kits
(1, 2 or 3 colors)

17D Presentation Kits
(4 or more colors)

PRINTERS SELF PROMOTION

18A Self Promotion Single Piece

18B Self Promotion Campaign

PROGRAMS

19A Programs

PROMOTIONAL PIECE

20A Promotional Piece(s)

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

21A Screen Printing

21B Speciality Inks

21C Spot UV

21D Unique Substrates

STATIONERY ITEMS

22A Single Stationery Item

22B Envelopes

22C Stationery Package

WIDE FORMAT

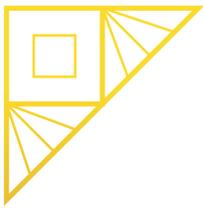
Due to the complexity of the size of these entries, you do not need to send two copies of each entry. And for entries that are oversize, you can submit a photo of the finished piece.

- 23A Display Graphics
- 23B Floor or Window Graphics
- 23C Installations
- 23D Point of Purchase
- 23E Table or Counter Displays
- 23F Other

FINISHING & BINDING

- 24A Case Binding
- 24B Comb, Spiral or Wire-O Binding
- 24C Perfect Binding
- 24D Coating & Film Lamination
- 24E Diecutting
- 24F Foil Stamping
- 24G Embossing
- 24H Combo Foil and Emboss
- 24I Unique Folds or Pop-ups
- 24J Combination Finishing Techniques

Bindery and Finishing Companies are eligible to enter pieces in categories 24A – 24J (Finishing & Binding). All other categories are printing categories.



PIAS Graphic Awards

2026 Entry Form

An entry form must accompany each entry. Fill out section 1 and 2, then copy as needed.

1 COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name: _____
 Awards Contact: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

2 COMPANY SIZE

- Division 1 (20 or less employees)
- Division 2 (21 - 60 employees)
- Division 3 (61+ employees)
- Division 4 (Finishing/Binding)

3 ENTRY & CATEGORY INFORMATION

Category Code: Refer to Call for Entries - **1A**, etc.: _____
 Entry Title: _____
 Customer/Client: _____
(only fill this out if duplicate award certificate is to be printed for these individuals)
 Designer: _____
(only fill this out if duplicate award certificate is to be printed for these individuals)

Important Reminders:

- Deadline is March 20, 2026
- If possible, please provide 2 samples per entry
- Entries must have been printed anytime between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- **Each entry is \$20.00**

Prepare your entries and entry forms and submit them, including payment to:

PIAS Graphic Awards
 Attn: Whitney Presley
 5200 Maryland Way Suite 301
 Brentwood, TN 37027

