

# Academy Awards Competition

## Purpose

Relate education to current events. When something is happening in the world, bringing it into your school and relating it to your education is an effective tool.

## Preparation

Pick the categories students can compete in. Choose categories that allow students of different skill levels to complete. Depending on the size of your school, you may want to limit the number of categories. You will want to have at least three competitors in each category you select.

## Category Ideas

- Best Men's Haircut
- Best Women's Haircut
- Best Haircolor
- Best Texture
- Best Style and Finishing
- Best Daytime Makeup
- Best Fantasy Makeup
- Best Evening Makeup
- Best Nail Art – Fantasy
- Best Nail Art – Everyday
- Best Business Plan
- Best Salon Floor-plan Design

Judging of each entry will be on ONLY the final look. The specific techniques used to achieve a look will not be judged, therefore you can allow the students to be as creative as they want. The only rules should be that all work is done on a mannequin head or hand, and they must do all the work themselves.

Choose the dates of the competition. I recommend that you allow the students no more than five days to work on their entry. Give students a time frame on when they can work on their entry. Clarify that all work must be done in the school during downtime in the student salon or during practical class time. Identify the date and time that all entries must be completed and submitted.

## Announce the Contest

Announce the contest to the students. Explain each category. Tell students they may submit only one entry per category. They may enter multiple categories as they wish.

Students will work on their creation during their downtime in school in the days/week leading up to the awards.

## Display Entries

Once the entries have been received, display all entries by category. Assign a number to each entry and create voting slips. The voting slip should identify the category being voted on, such as Best Men's Haircut, and have a place for the voter to write in the number of their choice.

## **Voting**

Pick a date and time for voting to begin. Allow students, staff members and clients to vote one time per category. Have a secure place for people to place their votes. Identify when voting will be closed.

An additional option for voting would be to post the categories and entries on your social media pages and add the likes for each picture to the votes you receive in the school.

Once voting has been closed, gather all votes. Separate voting slips by category and then identify which numbered entry received the most votes. That entry will be the winner.

Just a quick note on the category of Best Business Plan. This probably would not be one that you would have people vote on. This category might best be voted on by the instructors of your school. They would need to read through the plan and grade what was written. The winner is the one with the highest grade.

## **Awards Ceremony**

Schedule a time for an awards ceremony. A good time to host the ceremony would be during an upcoming theory class. Make sure all students can attend. Have fun by allowing students to dress up for the day rather than in the normal dress code.

Put together a PowerPoint presentation by category. Post each entry for each category and simply click through the presentation. For example: *"The nominees for Best Men's Haircut are..."* then click through each picture. At the end of all pictures for that category, say, *"And the Oscar goes to..."* and have the picture of the winning mannequin head or hand displayed.

You can find Oscar statue awards at various online companies. Have an Oscar or other token award ready to hand to the winner in each category.