

**“SEYIT ALI AK” CUP**

**2026**

**2026/015**

**FOREWORD:**

“Seyit Ali Ak Cup” is organized by Sille Sanat Sarayı (SSS) to promote “photo show” contests that are considerably limited throughout photographic world, to increase communication between photographic associations/clubs, to encourage SSS members for photo generation with certain discipline and to commemorate Seyit Ali Ak.

Welcome to “**SSS Seyit Ali Ak Cup**”, where photo shows will run against each other prepared with photographs shot, with project reasoning instead of single shot portfolios. A cup organized by SSS with complete success history over national and international photo competitions.

**INTRODUCTION TO “SSS SEYIT ALI AK CUP”:**

- SSS Seyit Ali Ak Cup will be organized annually.
- Participation to SSS Seyit Ali Ak Cup is open to SSS members only.
- Participants can only submit “photo shows” (no single photographs).
- Theme of Photo Shows; Free (color or B&W).
- Photo shows received with technical details explained at page 2 will be judged by 3 jury members.
- Each show, during evaluation, will receive scores between “1 to 10” (1 stands for poor and 10 stands for best) from each jury member.
- Photo shows will be evaluated according to b\m score criteria;
  - First round; total **18** points and above over 30 points,
  - Second round; total **21** points and above over 30 points,
  - Third round; total **24** points and above over 30 points, will be evaluated as “successful” in that year (tour\round).
- Duration of the photo shows for all rounds is minimum 4 minutes and maximum 6 minutes.
- The participant will have 30 seconds of plus or minus duration buffer (example; for a photo show of 6 minutes, the total duration can be maximum 6 minutes and 30 seconds and for a photo show of 4 minutes the duration can be minimum 3 minutes and 30 seconds).
- Each year/round, “successful” participants will receive a plaque.
- Participants with a history of 3 (three) “successful” photo show score will be rewarded with “**SSS SEYİT ALİ AK CUP**”.
- Participants have the right to “pause” their application to cup for 1 year, during 3 cup rounds.
- In case Participant’s photo show will not be evaluated as “successful” that year, previously earned “successful” scores will not be lost. Participants only loose that round (example; a participant with a success score for 2 consecutive year applies for the third round and he is scored as “unsuccessful”. This participant has the right to apply for the third round again the next coming year and if he is scored as “successful” then he will be rewarded with the Cup).
- Applying for the cup and losing the round due to score will not be regarded as “pause”.
- Each year successful photo shows will be presented to guests at SSS during award ceremony and later on at photography associations/clubs in Turkey in line with time restrictions and availability of the programs.

- Participants cannot submit photo shows with the same theme more than once.
- Participation to Cup is on “individual” basis. Group participations are not accepted.
- Participation to Cup is free of charge.

#### **PARTICIPATION:**

Seyit Ali Ak Cup is open for all members of the Sille Sanat Sarayı (including commission members), except for the first-degree relatives of jury members and these individuals.

#### **SECTIONS:**

SSS SEYİT ALİ AK CUP is an audio-visual “photo show” competition and there is 1 (one) section.

#### **PHOTO SHOW**

- **Theme;** Free
- **Technical Details;**
  - There is “no” restrictions as for preparation of the show.
  - The show can be prepared with or without music/audio, with or without speech, slow or speedy in line with the Participant’s fancy, preferences, flow and choices.
  - **Videos can NOT be used inside the show. Only photographs are allowed.**
  - The duration of photo shows for all rounds excluding +/-30 seconds of buffer time is between 4 to 6 minutes. With the buffer, the length of the photo shows can only be between 210 and 390 seconds.
  - Participants may use text (informatics) slides, header or footer information, music/audio, Photo Show’s title at the beginning / inside / at the end of the show. In case of preparing the show with “music”, artist and title information should be included at the show. Participant’s name and surname can be used inside the show.
  - Photo shows will be evaluated by the jury with projections having 1920 x 1080 pixel screen resolution and should be prepared accordingly. Format of the show files sent can only be; avi, mpg, mp4, mov, wmv. **Exe or px formatted show files will not be accepted.**

#### **APPLYING:**

- The photo show file name should be; “nickname-name of the show”. Example; “012345-bridges”.
- Last page of this document, “The Application Form”, should be filled, signed and sent together with photo show file. The file name should be; “nickname-applicationform”. Example; “012345-applicationform”.
- One photograph chosen from the show will also be added to send files, in jpg format and the title of the show will be written over this photograph. Technical details of this file; **with aspect ratio of 3/2 landscape format**, short side minimum 2.000 pixels, at 300 dpi, with highest quality, jpg format. The file name should be; “nickname-referencephoto.jpg”. Example; “012345-referencephoto.jpg”.
- Applicants are free to send a file in word format giving details about their project / show / theme. The file name should be; “nickname-information.doc”. Example; “012345-information.doc”. This document is not mandatory but will be helpful for the evaluation.
- Photo show file, application form, one sample photo with shows name written on it in jpg format, word document giving basic details of the theme (not mandatory) will be zipped (with winzip or winrar) and sent via **WeTransfer ONLY** to; **sillesanat1@gmail.com**
- This is the only means of participation.

**JUDGING:**

- All photo shows will be judged by 3 judges.
- Each photo show will receive scores between 1 and 10 (1 being poor, 10 being best score) from each judge.
- At the end of judging, scores of all judges will be added up and photo shows that match success scores at “Introduction” section of this document will pass the tour in that round/tour of SSS SEYİT ALİ AK CUP.

**OTHER:**

- The files of the participants with unsuccessful scores will be deleted from records under supervision of SSS Competition Committee.
- There is no restriction related to manipulation or digital processing of photographs used inside the shows.
- SSS will have the right to share and use the photo shows and reference photos for promoting, publicity and training purposes together with the name of the owner of the photo show and reference photo through his web site or other media. By applying for the cup, participants confirm and irrevocably agree that they will not and cannot claim anything else other than the plaque and/or the cup award against use of their photo show and reference photo by SSS as per details written here.
- Since the Cup Winner, second and first round successful photo shows are distributed among photo clubs and associations for non-commercial but promotional purposes, it is imperative to prepare the photo show in English language for worldwide recognition.
- The Organizer, SSS, strongly suggests the use of “royalty\copyright free music” files within the photo shows in order to be able to share and promote these photo shows at social medias such as Youtube.
- Participants can not apply for the cup with the same project theme of themselves that scored successful, previously. This will be considered as tainting.
- There is no restriction for the use of any photographs that are part of the photo shows with previously earned awards or acceptances through national and/or international competitions.
- Applicants can enter the cup with photo shows with awards or acceptances from other competitions organized before.
- Applicants confirm that all photographs used inside photo show are his works and that necessary permissions are granted.
- In case of fraud or any tainting (nonconformity with application rules), SSS has the right to ask any award or cup back, once it is proved.
- Since SSS SEYİT ALİ AK CUP will be repeating annually, it is important for the applicants to read the “SSS SEYİT ALİ AK CUP INTRODUCTION” section carefully.
- All or a portion of successful Photo Shows’ presentation will join audience in line with the agenda and availability of the programs during award ceremony at SSS salons and other photo club/association salons. Programs to be distributed later.
- SSS members will get 3 points for their participation to be used for SSS Distinctions. They will also get 10 points/round to be used in their score cards for SSS Distinctions for the first and second rounds of SEYİT ALİ AK CUP in case their photo shows score as “successful”. For the CUP AWARD, an additional 20 points can be used for SSS Distinctions.
- Participants applying for SSS SEYİT ALİ AK CUP are considered to accept all of the rules mentioned in this document unconditionally.

**JURY MEMBERS:**

No	City	Jury Member (Alphabetical)
1	Şanlıurfa, Turkey	Ergün Karadağ – SSS/R, AFIAP
2	Antalya, Turkey	Ekrem Şahin – SSS/R, EFIAP
3	Konya - Turkey	Hakan Bahçeci – SSS/R, AFIAP

**CALENDAR:**

Participation dead line;

**26th July, 2026**

Jury Meeting;

**02nd August, 2026**

Results;

**10th August, 2026**

Award Ceremony, Photo Shows;

During SSS Members' Meeting in 2026

(exact date will be announced later)

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CUP RESULTS:**

 The results of the Cup will be announced at [www.sillesanat.com](http://www.sillesanat.com) web address.

**Sille Sanat Sarayı Seyit Ali Ak Cup  
Status of participants (alphabetical order)**

Cup Winners	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round Participants	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Participants
ERGÜN KARADAĞ 2017	ALİ KABASAKAL	ALİ OSMAN AKTÜRK
MİNE E. ERTUĞRUL 2017	AYŞE SERAP DENİZ	AYŞE SEVİ
BARIŞ BARLAS 2018	CİHAN SAVRAN	AYŞE YONGA
SEMA DEMİRKOL 2019	GÜR GÜRELLİ	BİRÇOL KIRAÇ
EMEL GÜLEY 2020	HATİCE EFE	EMEL SEZER
EVRİM SÖNMEZ 2020	MEHMET BAYSAN	FERAY BİLİR
FATMA GÖKMEN 2021	MEHMET ULUYURT	HABİP KOÇAK
ÖZLEM GÜN BİNGÖL 2021	MURAT ALYAKUT	İSMAİL ÖDÜM
LALE ÇAKTI 2022	MUSTAFA DÖNMEZ	LEVENT YÜCETİN
MEHMET EROL 2022	MUZAFFER TEMEL	MÜRŞİDE ÇİLENGİR
ŞADIYE YILMAZ BİLİR 2022	NİLGÜN HOCAOĞLU	NESRİN KILIÇ
SELMA DEMİRKOL 2022	ÖZGÜR SEÇMEN	SALİM ŞİMŞEK
FATMA GÖK SALT 2023	PANDULA BANDARA	VASJA DOBERLET
HAKAN BAHÇECİ 2023	PEDRO LUIS	
EKREM ŞAHİN 2024	AJURIAGUERRA SAIZ	
ERKAN DİNÇ 2025		
HATİCE EFE 2025		
YEKTA COŞKUNSU 2025		

**SİLLE SANAT SARAYI (SSS) \ SILLE ART GALLERY (SSS)**  
**SEYİT ALİ AK CUP 2026**  
**PARTICIPATION FORM**  
**2026/015**

NAME : .....

SURNAME : .....

E-MAIL : .....@.....

PHONE : .....

GSM : .....

ADDRESS : .....

.....  
.....

In case participants has scored “successful” in previous rounds, the years of successful application years;

.....

**I have read all terms and conditions and fully agree on them.**

DATE / SIGNATURE: .....