

Call for Entries for the



Show off your cosplays at the fifth Geek/Art CONfluence COSPLAY CONTEST organized through Syracuse University on April 7, 2024.

We will continue to have both in-person and online Cosplay Contests this year! See the separate rules for each type of contest below. You can see the current online entries [here](#).

## ONLINE CONTEST DETAILS

We have two separate online categories: Photos and Videos. [Submit your Photo or Video entries here!](#) *You will have to sign in to Google to access the form.*

Once you submit your entries, we will post them on this site for everyone to see!

Online submissions are due March 30 at 11:59pm Eastern.

During the CON, we will stream a slideshow of the online photos and videos so everyone can see all the entries. The judges will then announce the winners at the end of the CON.

*We will be strictly following the rules below, especially regarding the total amount of photos and the total length of videos. Anyone who sends in too many photos or videos that are too long will be asked to cut them down.*

### **Online Photo Category**

Please fill out [this form](#), including:

- your name and/or cosplay name—write it however you want it to appear on our website
- the name of your character
- the show/game/comic etc. that the character is from—also note if your costume is a particular version
- one photo that shows your full body/costume, from head to feet
- you may send up to 4 additional photos to show details or show how parts of your costume move (for instance: picture with wings open and picture with wings closed). This means a maximum of total of FIVE photos of your costume.
- a reference image of your character, unless your cosplay is an original character
- a brief textual description for each photo or image—this is so people who are vision-impaired can still enjoy your cosplays

### **Online Video Category**

Videos can be skits/dances/whatever, with a single person or multiple people. Videos must be 1 minute or less and family friendly. Yes, that's short. Less is more, pack in the greatness!

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- your name and/or cosplay name—write it however you want it to appear on our website
- the name of your character
- the show/game/comic etc. that the character is from—also note if your costume is a particular version
- a reference image of your character, unless your cosplay is an original character
- a brief textual description of your reference image and your video link, summarizing key features of video and image—this is so people who are vision-impaired can still enjoy your cosplays
- a link to your video—don't email the actual video. Include a link to your video on Youtube, Dropbox, Google Drive, TikTok, etc. Videos that include someone else's work (for instance TikToks where you react to someone else's original video) **MUST INCLUDE** the original person's name/username etc. so as to give them credit. Please be sure that your video has English subtitles, whenever possible.

## **IN-PERSON CONTEST DETAILS**

The in-person contest will be held during the CON in the Shaffer Art Building on the Syracuse University campus on April 7.

Anything that looks like a weapon must be kept under wraps except in the actual cosplay contest room.

Standard “safe weapon” rules apply—nothing that can actually shoot, nothing that would hurt somebody if we whacked or poked them with it. We reserve the right to temporarily confiscate any accessories that we deem to be too dangerous, solely on our judgement, and will return them after the show.

In-person contestants do not need to sign up in advance. They can just show up the day of the CON about an hour before the contest. Please be ready to give the judges this information:

- your name and/or cosplay name
- the name of your character a particular version or costume for the character
- the show/game/comic etc. that the character is from—also note if your costume is a particular version or costume for the character
- a reference image of your character, unless your cosplay is an original character

## GENERAL RULES AND TIPS

Costumes can be from any genre, including original characters and mash-ups.

You must have made/alterd at least 75% of your costume, unless it is a Closet Cosplay, in which case please label it as a Closet Cosplay.

**You may participate in more than one category. However, if you do, you must enter different costumes in each category.** For instance, you can enter both the Online Photo and Online Video contests, but you can't use the same costume for both categories.

**A new rule: If you won a contest last year, you have to wait another year to participate in that category again.** For instance, if you won a prize in the Online Photo category last year, you can't enter Online Photo this year, but you can still participate in the Online Video or In-Person Cosplay contests, and you would still be eligible for an Audience Choice award.

We recommend taking pictures/videos in GOOD LIGHTING and with GOOD FOCUS!

All images/videos that we receive will be publicly posted on <http://www.geekartconfluence.com> and other social media platforms. We will also photograph all participants at the in-person contest. By submitting your images/videos to us, or by allowing us to photograph you, you are granting us permission to post those images or videos publicly on these and other sites, and to use them as publicity and documentation for the CON this year and in future years.

We reserve the right to refuse cosplays that are offensive in nature, based on our judgment.

Once again, please include textual descriptions of your images, and subtitles on your videos, so they can be appreciated by an inclusive audience.

**TL;DR: online contestants [apply through this Google Form](#), in-person contestants show up about an hour before the contest and give your info to the judges!**

## PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories. All prizes will be announced online and in person during the CON on March 26.

### **Online Photos**

Grand Prize, \$100; Judges' Choice awards, \$50 each.

### **Online Videos**

Grand Prize, \$100; Judges' Choice awards: \$50 each.

### **In-Person Photos**

Grand Prize, \$100; Judges' Choice awards: \$50 each.

### **Audience's Choice**

In the week *before* the CON, we'll post all the Online entries on social media and anyone can then vote for their favorite Online Photo and Online Video.

In the week *after* the CON, we'll post images of all the In-person cosplays on social media and anyone can then vote for their favorite In-Person cosplay.

We will award an Audience Choice prize of \$50 for the cosplays with the most votes in each of those three categories.

## QUESTIONS?

Email Chris Wildrick, [chris.wildrick@gmail.com](mailto:chris.wildrick@gmail.com), or message him on [Facebook @geekartconfluence](#).

We're also on [Instagram @geekartcon](#).