



Your Dream Career Photo Contest



1st Place, Northern CA



2011 Grand Prize Winner
Southern CA



2nd Place, Northern CA

What Career Do You Want to Have? We'd Like to Know!

Enter your photo in the *Your Dream Career Photo Contest* for a chance to win!

Grand Prize Winner - \$500.00

First Place: \$50 iTunes Gift Card **Second Place:** \$25 iTunes Gift Card

Third Place: \$15 iTunes Gift Card

Rules:

1. You must be 15 - 20 years old to enter
2. Take a photo of you showing your Dream Career
3. Describe your dream career in 250 words or less
4. Contact information: Name, age, mailing address, school and email address
5. **Send entry to Jorge@VitalLinkoc.org - Deadline March 16, 2012**

Judging Criteria:

1. Creativity
2. Image Quality
3. Photo communicates your vision clearly
4. All entries **MUST BE COMPLETE** with photo, essay, contact information & photo release to be eligible

Vital Link www.vitallinkoc.org
Jorge@vitallinkoc.org - 949-646-2520

Please read the complete contest rules before entering.

YOUR DREAM CAREER PHOTO CONTEST - OFFICIAL RULES

No purchase or payment necessary to enter or win

Eligibility: To enter, you must be between **15 and 20 years of age**. Vital Link employees and Board members and their immediate family members are not eligible. Immediate family includes only spouses, parents and children. The photo subject must show a depiction of **You Working in Your Dream Career**.

Contest Deadline: All submissions need to be received by : **11:59pm Pacific Time, March 16, 2012.**

Finalists announced: April 2, 2012. Winners announced: 4/15/12 at the STEM & DMA Showcase.

How to Enter: Digital photos and contact information may be submitted via email to:

Jorge@vitallinkoc.org

Only *fully completed entries* are eligible and **MUST** include the following information:

School

Name

Age

Your Mailing Address

Email Address

An essay of 250 words or less describing your dream career.

Email a digital photo (.jpg or .tiff) to Jorge@vitallinkoc.org (see photo specs below)

Mail a hardcopy of the signed Vital Link photo release(s), a low-res printout of your photo to:

Vital Link Photo Contest
c/o Vital Link
PO Box 12064
Costa Mesa, CA 92627

Submitting Digital Images: Digital images are to be submitted to Kathy@vitallinkoc.org along with complete entry information. Panoramic photos are not eligible. **Images should be submitted in JPG format (at high quality) or TIFF format. Images need to be 3 MB or less and 300dpi if possible.** Images must be in natural color. Black and white, sepia tone, and duotone only images are not eligible. No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. Digital images will not be returned.

Photographer/Copyright: You must be the sole owner of the copyright of any image submitted. Your submission of the photo and entry form is your guarantee that you are the author and copyright holder of the photo.

Number of Entries: An individual may submit only one photo.

Photo Subject Restrictions: Photos must be appropriate for posting on a public website. Obscene, provocative or otherwise questionable content will not be considered. Vital Link retains sole discretion as to what constitutes inappropriate content. Photos containing recognizable people must include a signed photo release form. Photos, regardless of the medium, will not be returned.

Ownership/Use Rights: Photographers retain the copyright to their photographs. By entering the contest, photographers agree to have their submitted photograph displayed on the Vital Link website without any fee or other form of compensation, and agree that Vital Link may use the photo (including non-winning entries) for reproduction, distribution, sales and exhibition for any purpose and in any medium whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the sale, publication, display and exhibition thereof for educational purpose and for promotion, advertising and trade, without any compensation or notice to me. In the event that ownership of any photograph submitted to Vital Link is contested in any manner, Vital Link retains the discretion to disqualify that photograph and discontinue use of the photograph.

Judging: Entries will be judged on the basis of creativity, image quality, and effectiveness in conveying your career vision. A Vital Link panel will judge the entries and all contest decisions are final. Entries that fail to comply with the Official Contest Rules will be disqualified.

Winners: Judges will select a first, second and third place winning photo. If fewer than ten eligible photographs are entered Vital Link may choose to name only a first place winner. Grand Prize winner will receive a \$500 check, First Place a \$50 iTunes Gift Card, Second place a \$25 iTunes Gift Card, and Third Place a \$15 iTunes Gift Card.

One or more honorable mention winners may be selected at the discretion of the judging panel. Winners will be notified approximately 1 - 2 weeks after the contest deadline by phone and email using the information on the entry form. Winning photographs, along with the applicant's name and information about the photo, will be displayed on the Vital Link website and promotional materials. No financial compensation is provided for use of the photos. All winning images will be displayed with the applicant's name.

Additional Terms and Conditions: Vital Link is not responsible for computer system, hardware, software, or program malfunctions or other errors, failures, or delayed computer transactions or network connections that are human or technical in nature. Furthermore, Vital Link is not responsible for: (i) lost, misdirected, misplaced, illegible, unintelligible, incomplete, or late entries or (ii) any act, failure to act, or delay regarding the transmitting or processing of entries. Vital Link reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel or suspend all or any portion of this contest without notice if factors beyond Vital Link's control, including technical difficulties, disrupt or corrupt the fair or secure administration or operation of the contest. Void where prohibited. Vital Link is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. Vital Link reserves the right to disqualify any entrant that Vital Link has reason to believe is not the original work of entrant, or does not otherwise meet the contest rules. If a winner is disqualified or determined to be ineligible, an alternate winner will be selected using the same judging process/criteria described above. Alternate winners are subject to all requirements set forth in these Official Rules.

By participating in the contest, you agree to release and hold harmless Vital Link and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind resulting from your participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. Vital Link and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions, or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.

PHOTO RELEASE AND ASSIGNMENT

(For Minor – 17 years and younger. If you are 18, you may sign for yourself).

I am (Check one): ___ **The Contest Applicant** ___ **Non-Applicant included in Photo**

Vital Link is holding a Photo Contest that will take place between November 15, 2011 and March 16, 2012.

This Release and Assignment must be mailed to Vital Link prior to March 16th deadline. A signed release must be completed by each person in the digital image submitted for the Photo Contest.

Vital Link, its authorized employee, representative or agent plans to use the entered digital pictures of students (all of which are herein called Pictures) as a part of the contest.

With respect to all such Pictures, and any reproductions of the pictures in any and all medium, I hereby irrevocably:

- Consent to and authorize their use by Vital Link, or anyone authorized by Vital Link, for reproduction, distribution, sales and exhibition for any purpose and in any medium whatsoever including (but not by way of limitation) the sale, publication, display and exhibition thereof for educational purpose and for promotion, advertising and trade, without any compensation or notice to me.
- Consent to the use of my name as the contest entrant.
- Release, discharge and acquit Vital Link from any claims, demands or causes of actions that I hereinafter have against Vital Link by reason of anything contained in such Pictures and reproductions thereof or in the advertising or publicizing thereof.
- This release and assignment shall inure to Vital Link's benefit, as well as to the benefit of Vital Link's subsidiaries, affiliates, license, successors and assigns, if any.

Name of Minor (Please Print)

School

District

I represent that I am the (parent) or (guardian) of the above named person. I hereby consent to the foregoing on (his) or (her) behalf.

Date

Signature of Parent /Guardian

One release is required for each person in the photo

**Fax, mail, or e-mail the photo release and a low-res print of your photo to the Vital Link office.
Fax 949-646-2523, e-mail Jorge@vitallinkoc.org, or Mail: P.O. Box 12064, Costa Mesa CA 92627**