



# 2017 Astronomical League/OPT Imaging Award Entry Form

To recognize the importance of imaging in appreciating astronomical objects and the skill required in capturing celestial scenes.

## Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Astronomical League Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an Astronomical League Member-at-Large? \_\_\_\_\_

## Image Information:

Imaging Category (please check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Solar system; \_\_\_\_\_ Deep Sky; \_\_\_\_\_ Wide Field; \_\_\_\_\_ Video

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of the celestial scene: \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment used (camera, optics, mount, filters): \_\_\_\_\_

Exposure information, and digital manipulation used, if any:

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date and Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Seeing: \_\_\_\_\_ Transparency: \_\_\_\_\_

Telescope aperture and type or binoculars size: \_\_\_\_\_

Magnification: \_\_\_\_\_ Field of view: \_\_\_\_\_

More specific information and suggestions regarding Imaging Award entries are available at <http://www.astroleague.org/>. For more information regarding the award, email [Image@astroleague.org](mailto:Image@astroleague.org).

**Please read to the program rules and eligibility requirements on the next page, then sign and submit your entry.**

## **PROGRAM RULES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**ONLY CURRENT ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER. WORK MUST HAVE BEEN DONE WHILE AN ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE MEMBER.**

1. Your image must be original work and must have been captured after March 31, 2016.
2. Images from photographs are not allowed.
3. Images using commercial online telescopes are not allowed, but images taken using equipment at remote locations are allowed as long as that equipment is under the direct control of the imager. The imager must be responsible for collecting any calibration frames needed.
4. Images must be the original work of amateurs. Professional imagers and photographers may not submit their work. For the purpose of these awards, “professional” will be defined as those imagers who:
  - a. have received a substantial portion of their income by selling their work, (receiving an IRS 1099 MISC form would indicate that the imager is considered to be a professional)
  - b. are published astronomical imaging authors of books, tutorials, or tools for sale, or
  - c. have been compensated beyond an honorarium, waving of registration fees, and other incidental expenses for their efforts.
  - d. If in doubt of your status, please email [Image@astroleague.org](mailto:Image@astroleague.org) prior to submission describing your situation and why you should be allowed to submit work.
5. Images will be evaluated for accuracy, esthetics, composition, originality, technical difficulty and visceral affect.
6. Submit your entry as a high resolution jpeg to [image@astroleague.org](mailto:image@astroleague.org)
7. 10 Mb file size maximum, please.
8. Submit a photo of yourself, preferably in an astronomical setting in jpg format to [Image@astroleague.org](mailto:Image@astroleague.org). This might appear in the Reflector magazine, on the Astronomical League website or on Astronomical League social media, or on the sponsor’s social media sites.
9. Astronomical League officers, Imaging Award judges, and sponsor employees are not eligible. The first place winner is not eligible the following year.

10. Only one submission per year, please.

11. Winning images might appear in the Reflector magazine, on the Astronomical League website or on Astronomical League social media, or on the sponsor's social media sites.

12. Judges decisions are final.

**The deadline for submitting your entry is March 31, 2017.**

**I have read and understand the eligibility requirements and the rules of the award competition. By signing this form, I state that I am eligible and I have followed all rules.**

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entrants signature

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date