

All CTSM candidates are required to submit an image when submitting a portfolio. Below is a guide to a successful photo.

All images must be:

1. In portrait orientation with head and bust only
2. In standard .jpg format
3. 300 DPI resolution (when in doubt, choose the highest resolution settings possible)
4. Typical photos are around 2-5 MB in total file size
5. Submitted electronically

Some guidelines if making the photo yourself:

- Use a decent quality digital camera. The newer, the better, with the ability to shoot at least 4–6-megapixel images
- Your background should be of light color and clear of any objects. A light-colored blank wall would be ideal.
- Use proper lighting. A well-lit image means the light is evenly distributed across your face, with the light source coming from behind the camera.
- If you have a tripod, use it! Even just a little blur from a shaky camera will show in your image if it is ever printed.
- Becoming CTSM means achieving a unique level of professionalism. Dress accordingly.

If having the images shot professionally:

- File format should be the same as above
- They must not contain a watermark, unnecessary glamour, or images which infringe the rights of any third party.
- No special effects or excessive retouching.

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