



How to Create a User Account at Visual Pursuits September 2025

This marks the second year that S4C will be conducting photo competitions using Visual Pursuits. If didn't compete last year and you wish to begin now, you must create new user ID at our Visual Pursuits portal: <https://s4c.visualpursuits.com/>. This is not a complicated process, but it takes a few steps.

When you enter this site, the S4C Competition Portal will be displayed with some basic information:

Southern California Council of Camera Clubs

Home Organization Competitions Help Login

This is the Competition Portal for the Southern California Council of Camera Clubs (S4C).

S4C Conducts six competitions between October and April.
You must be a current member of an S4C club to enter.

To enter the next competition from the top-level menu, select "Competitions" and then "Submit Images to a Competition" or [click here.](#)

Schedule for the 2025-2026 competition year:

Open Date	Close Date	Target Posting Date*
Sep 20	Oct 4	Oct 18
Oct 18	Nov 1	Nov 15
Nov 22	Dec 6	Dec 20
Holiday Break		
Jan 24	Feb 7	Feb 21
Feb 24	Mar 7	Mar 21
Mar 21	Apr 4	Apr 18

Note, when we are between competitions or no longer in competition season, you will see a message "No competitions match your selection criteria." This is correct. Please wait until the next competition window opens.

This site is only used for S4C monthly competitions. From this site, you may:

- Enter images for competition
- View galleries from past competitions
- View your personal competition catalog
- Maintain your image library
- Update your Visual Pursuits information

Our official website and source for all information about S4C remains at: <https://www.s4c-photo.org/>.

For more information about S4C, please email: s4cinfo@pcms-photo.org

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You will see our current competition schedule and other highlights. What is important is to notice the **Login** button found under the S4C logo at the upper right corner of the screen.

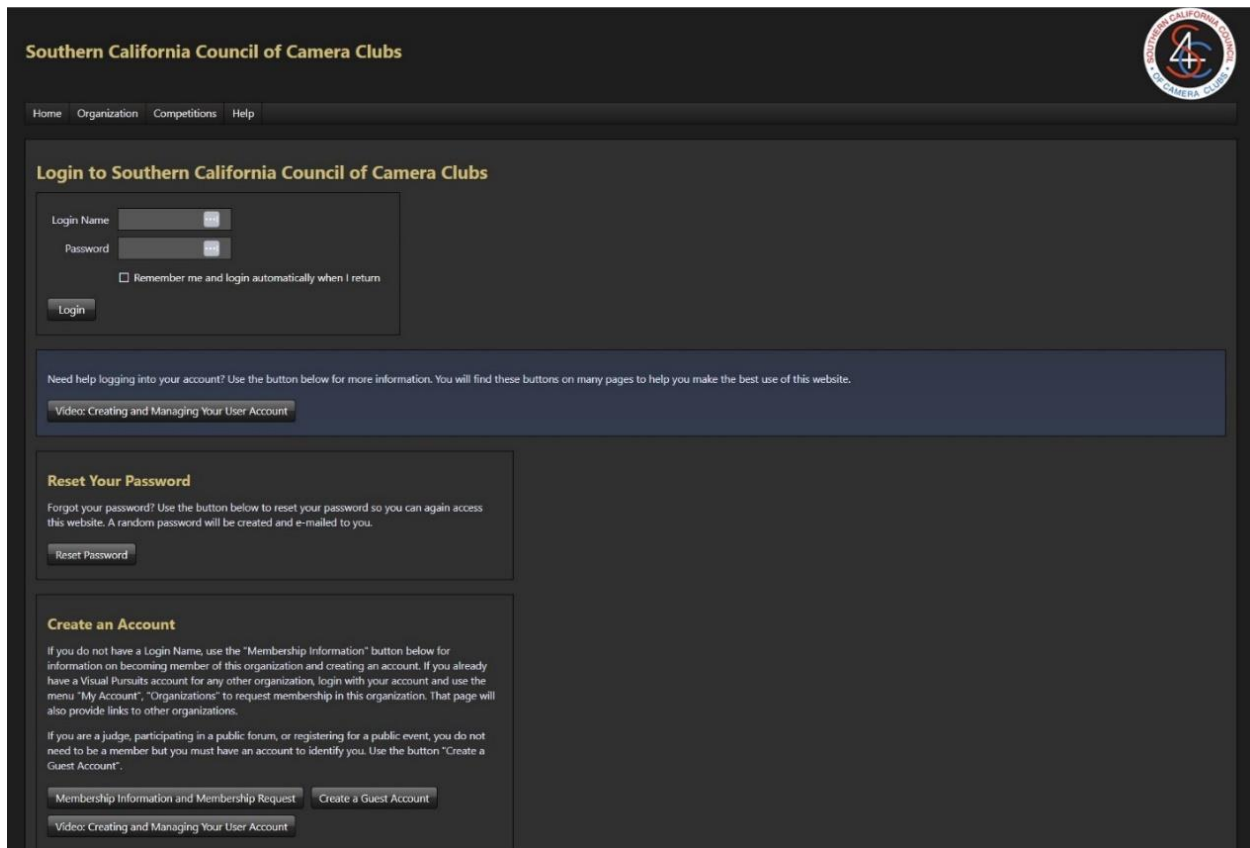
Whether you already have a Visual Pursuits user ID or if you are creating a new ID, you use the Login button to enter the system. We assume that you do not have an existing Visual Pursuits ID, and the following instructions will serve as a guide to getting you online¹.

Note, there are many screens to traverse in order to complete the process but it's not as complicated as it seems.

So, if you haven't done so already, click on the **Login** button... (just below the S4C logo on the right)

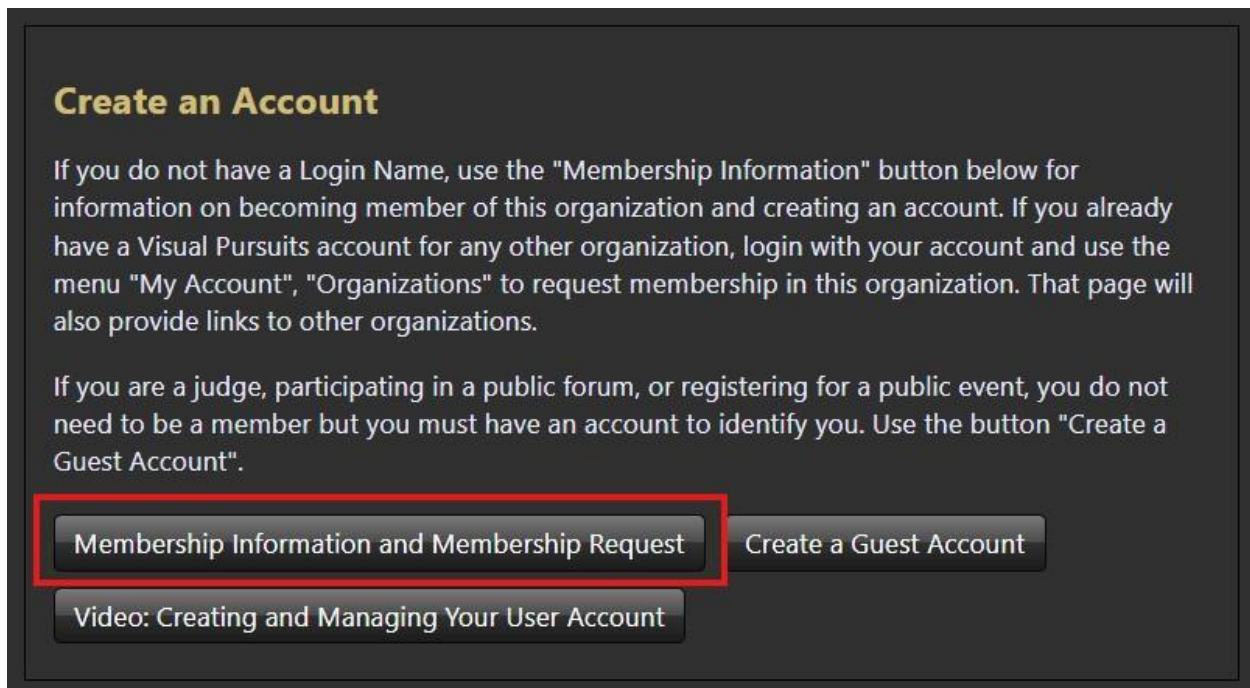
¹ If you already have a Visual Pursuits Login ID, enter your ID and password, and click the "Login" button.

A screen entitled "**Login to Southern California Council of Camera Clubs**" will be displayed.



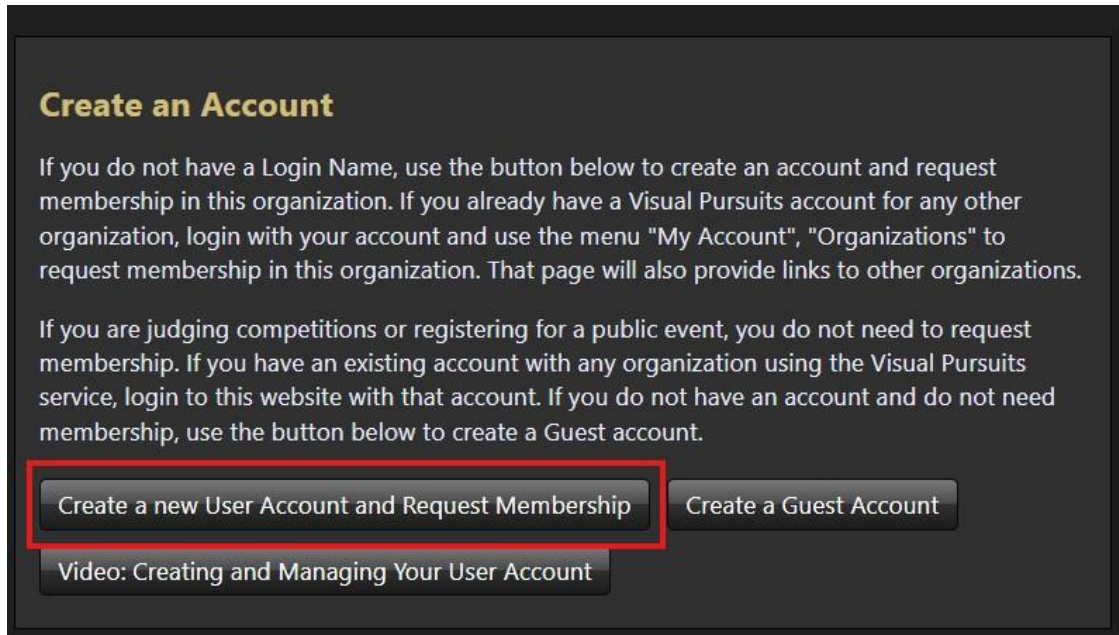
The screenshot shows the login page for the Southern California Council of Camera Clubs. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Organization, Competitions, and Help. The main heading is "Login to Southern California Council of Camera Clubs". Below this, there is a login form with fields for "Login Name" and "Password", a checkbox for "Remember me and login automatically when I return", and a "Login" button. A blue banner below the login form contains the text: "Need help logging into your account? Use the button below for more information. You will find these buttons on many pages to help you make the best use of this website." Below the banner, there is a "Video: Creating and Managing Your User Account" button. Further down, there are two sections: "Reset Your Password" and "Create an Account". The "Reset Your Password" section has a "Reset Password" button. The "Create an Account" section contains two buttons: "Membership Information and Membership Request" (highlighted in red) and "Create a Guest Account". Below these buttons is another "Video: Creating and Managing Your User Account" button.

To begin your new account creation, scroll to the bottom of the page where it's labeled "**Create an Account**" and select **Membership Information and Membership Request** (highlighted in RED).



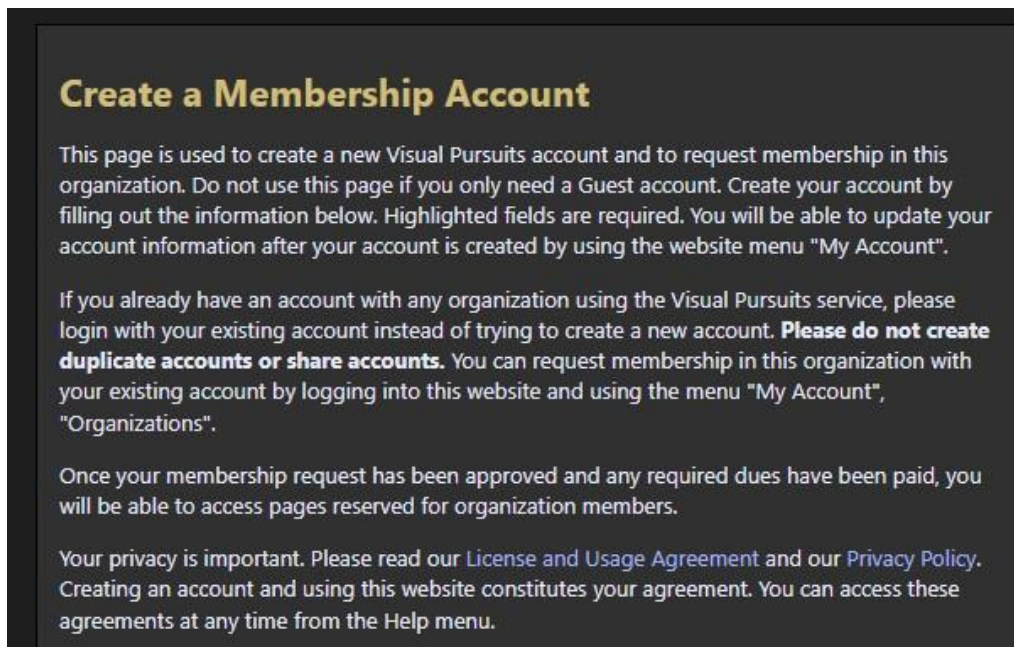
The screenshot shows the "Create an Account" section. It has a heading "Create an Account" in yellow. Below the heading, there is a paragraph of text: "If you do not have a Login Name, use the 'Membership Information' button below for information on becoming member of this organization and creating an account. If you already have a Visual Pursuits account for any other organization, login with your account and use the menu 'My Account', 'Organizations' to request membership in this organization. That page will also provide links to other organizations." Below this paragraph, there is another paragraph: "If you are a judge, participating in a public forum, or registering for a public event, you do not need to be a member but you must have an account to identify you. Use the button 'Create a Guest Account'." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Membership Information and Membership Request" (highlighted in red) and "Create a Guest Account". Below these buttons is a "Video: Creating and Managing Your User Account" button.

That will bring up yet another screen, “**Create an Account**,” where you select **Create a new User Account and Request Membership**.



You're finally getting to the details...

Another screen, entitled “**Create a Membership Account** will be displayed.”



After reading the information above, scroll through the screen and provide all the requested information. It's all important. So, please do not skip sections. You will eventually get to the bottom of the form where ...

Providing the correct and complete information is essential when creating your account.

Login Name – self-explanatory

Password – also self-explanatory

First Name – Just your “First” name or “First Names”

Capitalize only the first letter ***please*** of your name or names.

Do not add any other special text.

Last Name – Just your “Last” name or “Last Names”

Capitalize only the first letter ***please*** of your last name or last names.

Do not add any other special text.

Name Suffix – if you do have a name suffix, like Jr., III, or PhD, this is where you add it.

Otherwise, please keep this field blank.

Phone Number – it is essential that you add a phone number.

That way, S4C can reach you if there ever are any issues.

S4C will never provide you contact information to any third parties.

Honors – if you have a PSA, S4C or other photo organization honors, please include these here.

It is important that you provide your name/names as requested.

Why?

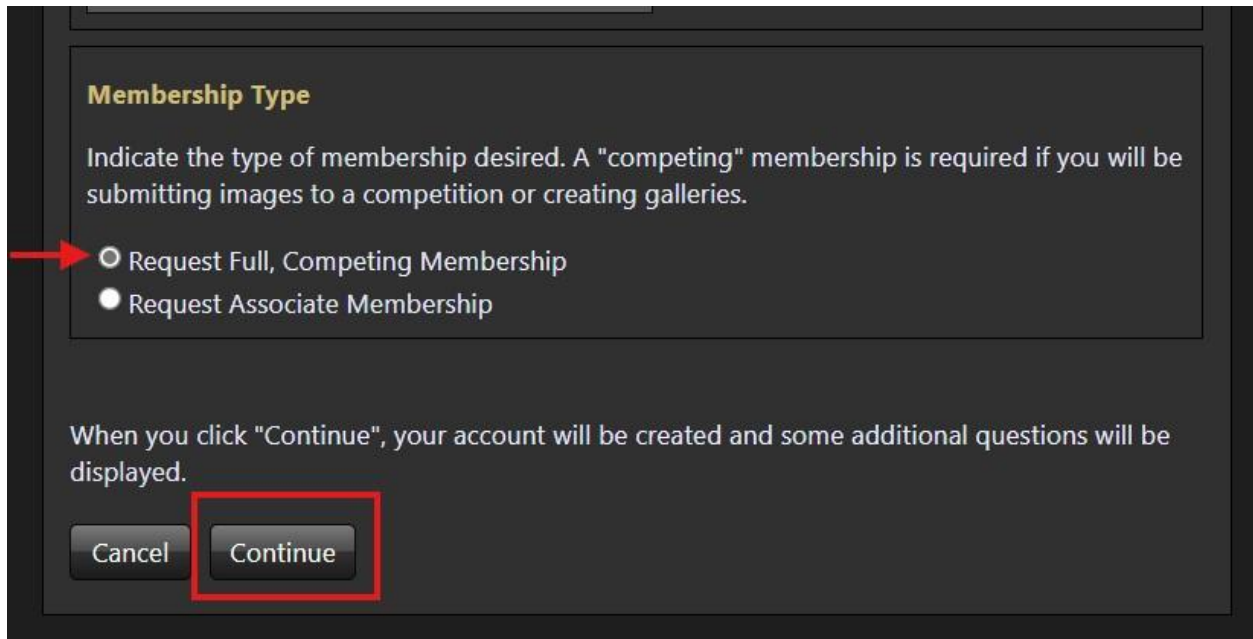
Your name will appear on every certificate and gallery. This will affect how you are known in all monthly catalogs and galleries. It will also affect any End of Year certificates and awards that you may receive.

While all the examples of poor naming etiquette will not be listed, we’d like to avoid ending up with a name like

- Jonny (and no last name)
- Jonny Q (with only a one-letter last name)
- BIG MAMA (all caps, it really looks bad)
- First Last Gibberish 22 (just weird text appended to your name)

S4C Competition Management has no capability to edit this information once you enter it. It’s considered private, and only you can edit that information once it’s been created.

Near the bottom of the form, make sure that “**Request Full, Competing Membership**” is selected (default) and click on the **Continue** button.



Membership Type

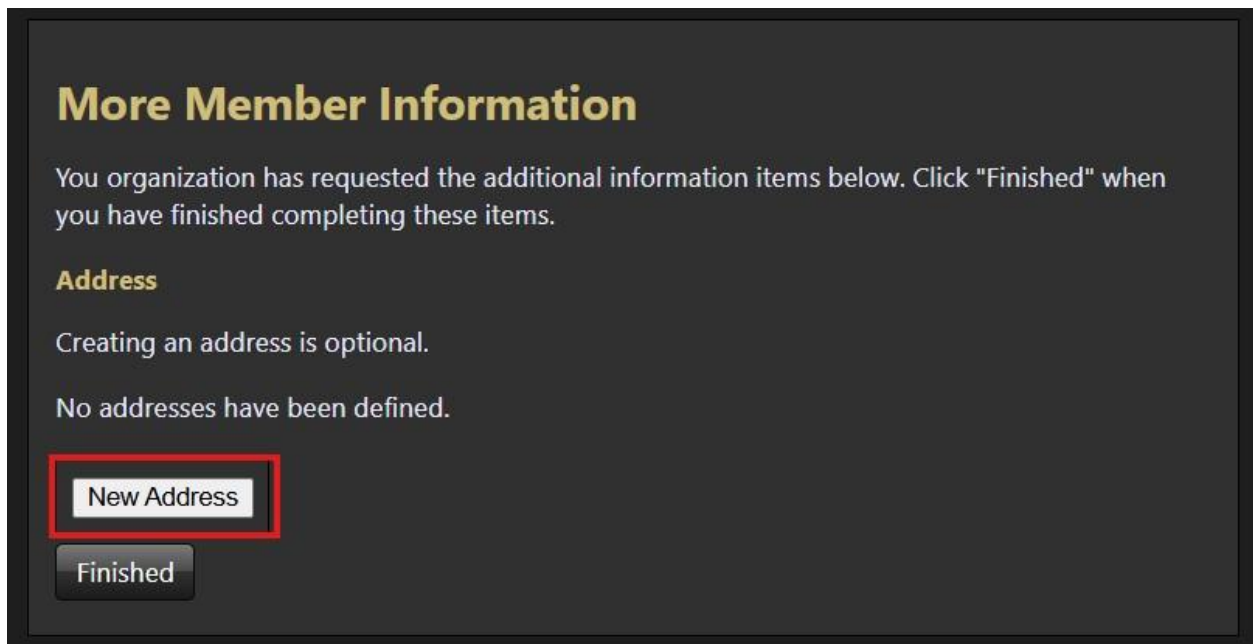
Indicate the type of membership desired. A "competing" membership is required if you will be submitting images to a competition or creating galleries.

☒ Request Full, Competing Membership
☐ Request Associate Membership

When you click "Continue", your account will be created and some additional questions will be displayed.

This screenshot shows a dark-themed form titled "Membership Type". It contains a paragraph of text explaining the membership options. Below the text are two radio button options: "Request Full, Competing Membership" (which is selected, indicated by a red arrow) and "Request Associate Membership". At the bottom of the form, there is a paragraph of text and two buttons: "Cancel" and "Continue" (which is highlighted with a red rectangle).

Another screen, “**More Member Information,**” will be displayed where you should provide your address information. To enter your address information, please click on **New Address**.



More Member Information

You organization has requested the additional information items below. Click "Finished" when you have finished completing these items.

Address

Creating an address is optional.

No addresses have been defined.

This screenshot shows a dark-themed form titled "More Member Information". It contains a paragraph of text explaining the next steps. Below the text is a section titled "Address" with two paragraphs of text. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "New Address" (which is highlighted with a red rectangle) and "Finished".

Yet another screen will be displayed, where you can input your address information:

More Member Information

You organization has requested the additional information items below. Click "Finished" when you have finished completing these items.

Address

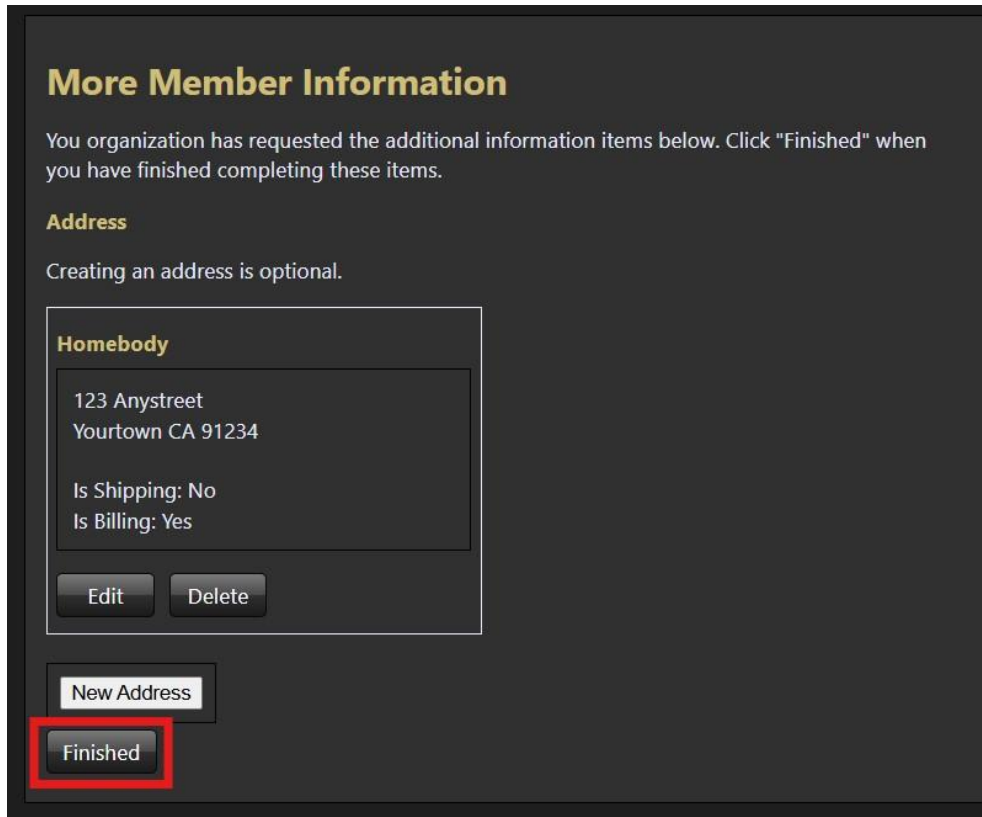
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No addresses have been defined.

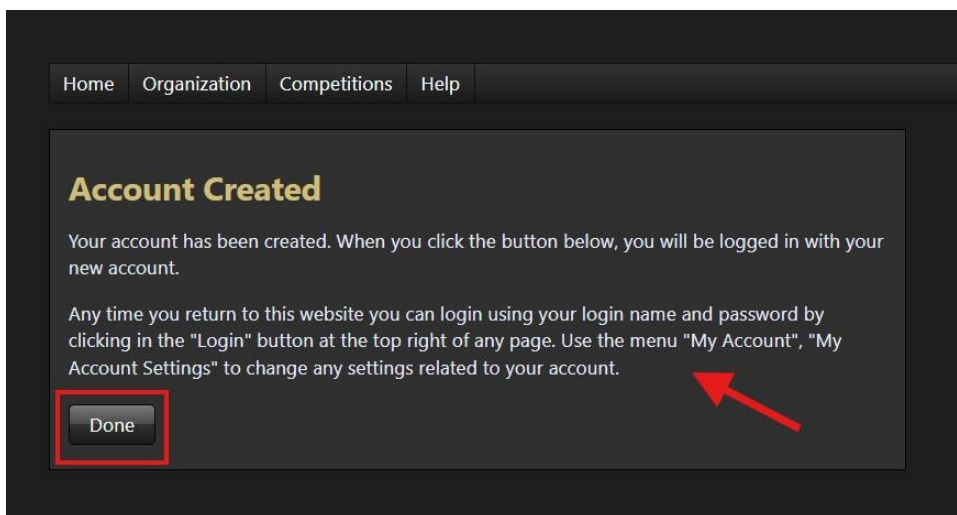
Address Name	Name your address to help you select it later. Examples: "Home", "Meeting Location", "Office", "Mailing". <input type="text" value="Homebody"/>
Address Line 1	<input type="text" value="123 Anystreet"/>
Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
City	<input type="text" value="Yourtown"/>
Country	<input type="text" value="---Not Specified---"/>
State or Province	Please select your Country before selecting a State or Province. <input type="text" value="California"/>
Postal or Zip Code	<input type="text" value="91234"/>
Shipping Address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Billing Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

After you fill in the details, click on the **Add this Address** button.

You will see a confirmation screen with your address, and you are one step away from finishing your user account request.



Click on the **Finished** button which will bring up a final screen:



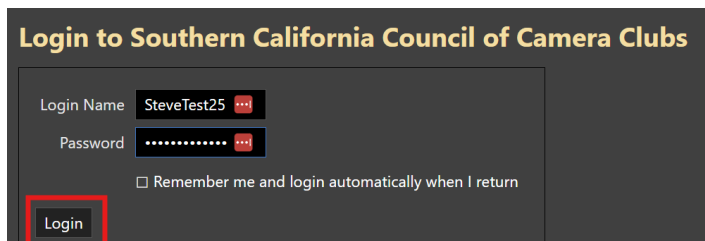
Your account has been created. It's now up to us to get you added to the S4C competition roster. Please read the message highlighted by the red arrow to learn now to login the next time.

Sit back and relax. S4C Competition Management will approve your members as soon as possible, and you will be able to start competing.

One more thing!

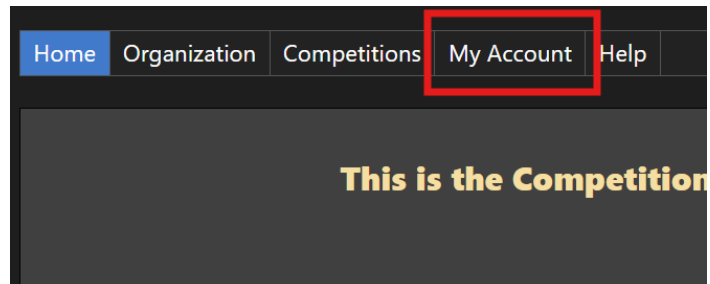
At this point, we ask one more favor. Where the old competition system required you to identify your specific photo club affiliation, Visual Pursuits does not. But, we still need to collect that information. *If you happen to be a member of more than one S4C club, please only identify the club you feel you are primarily affiliated with.*

How do you do this?



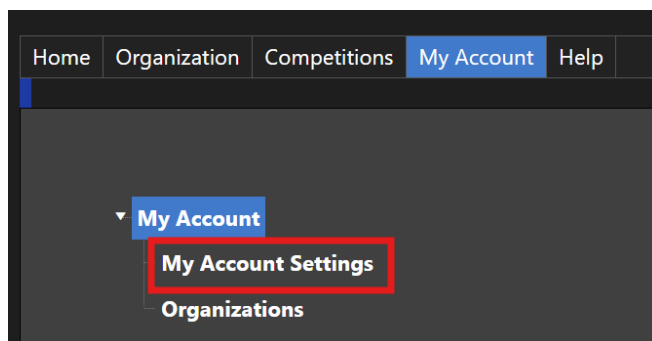
Once you have created a User ID and Password, log back into the system by clicking the "login" button again. When the Login Screen appears, enter your Login name and Password. Select "Login"

When the next screen appears, you will see a new menu choice where you can edit your account information.



Select "My Account"

From there, select "My Account Settings"



When your profile is displayed, select

“Update Personal Profile and Organization Options”

User Profile

Login Name	SteveTest25
Informal User Name	First Last-Test
User Id	3904245
Membership	You are not a member of this organization.

Please click on the type of information you wish to change.

- Change Login Name
- Change or Remove Email Address
- Remove spam indicator on email address
- Update Personal Profile and Organization Options**
- Update Addresses
- Change Avatar Image
- Update Membership Information
- Change Password
- Delete Membership or Delete Account

Finally, you can edit information you have entered previously.

If you have corrections to

Your first name

Your last name

Your name suffix

--- or other fields,

fix them here.

and **SCROLL DOWN**

Modify Personal Information

First Name	A Formal Name is constructed from your First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Name Suffix, and Honors. It is used with formal presentations of your images. An Informal Name is defined later for use in less formal situations. First
Middle Name	
Last Name	Last-Test
Name Suffix	3
Honors	QPSA, AS4C
Greeting Name	A Greeting Name is generally your first name or a nickname, as would be used to address you in an informal letter, e.g. "Dear Jane,". First-of-the-last
Informal Name	Your Informal Name is used to identify you in an informal environment, such as an organization meeting. It should contain a first and last name.

Notice the blank “Comments” Field.

Cell Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Personal Website	<input type="text"/>
Comments	<input type="text"/>

Cell Phone Number	<input type="text"/>
Personal Website	<input type="text"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="Your S4C Affiliate Club Name"/>

Enter your S4C Affiliate Club Name as shown on the left.

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Continue to the bottom of the screen, ignoring all other fields, and select “Update”

Cancel	Update
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Then, you can logoff.

Thank you for making these small changes.

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