

Spotlight Bride

Real Wedding & Engagement Submission Guidelines

- ❖ Wedding submissions will be accepted by the bridal couple only.
- ❖ Your wedding must have occurred within the last three (3) months prior to the submission call date.
- ❖ Your submission must include appropriate photographic documentation of all sequences of your wedding day, but must especially include detail shots (i.e., both bride and groom getting ready, rings and special memorabilia, shoes, dress detail, flowers, program or invitation wording detail, ceremony and reception venue décor while unoccupied, cake and cake design detail, hors d'oeuvres and other menu food items that have formal presentation, sweet table or candy table and so on). If you are reviewing these guidelines prior to your wedding date, we highly recommend you advise your photographer of all the types of images they should capture. You may also include images from your engagement shoot, and can have your engagement shoot featured separately.
- ❖ You will be required to provide a complete list of all contracted wedding vendors for your event, including business name, website and contact e-mail or phone number.
- ❖ Your submission packet will be evaluated for the following elements: style and category style, originality, trendiness, chicness, attention to detail, and your overall personal "love story."
- ❖ Depending on where you are located and your wedding style, your submission *may* be categorized in one of the following: U.S. & Canada; International (all countries outside U.S. & Canada and you are a native of these countries); Southeast Asian; Country/Vintage Style; Metropolitan; or Destination Wedding. If your wedding spans more than one category, you will be required to rank the categories in order for which one your submission should be considered first. If your submission does not make your first choice category, we will consider any alternate categories you have listed.
- ❖ Your submission will be ranked and given an overall review with other submissions for the same month for your chance to be our "Spotlight Bride-of-the-Month."
- ❖ At certain times we may invite your peers and the Spotlight Bride fan community and followers to cast the final vote to decide who will be the bride of the month.
- ❖ The winner's vendors will receive free exposure via mentions and links on the Spotlight Bride website and blog, as well as the Spotlight Bride Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest accounts.

****Note:** Please confer with your contracted photographer before submitting images from your wedding to Spotlight Bride. Some photographers may wish to submit their work to be published on other blogs, and their submissions can potentially be disqualified if their work has been submitted and published elsewhere.