

## Senior Picture Frequently Asked Questions

These are some of the more commonly asked questions about senior portraits, and their answers. If you don't find the information that you need here or elsewhere on our site, please contact the studio at [goldleaf-vgp@tds.net](mailto:goldleaf-vgp@tds.net). This page will change as we add more of your questions, so check back often for updates.

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**Q. When should I have my senior portraits done?**

A. There really is no perfect time. But if you want to have your session outdoors, as most seniors do, your session needs to be during the warmer months unless you specifically want snow in your background! August fills up quickly, so early summer may get you the time slot you prefer. Keep in mind that there will be a deadline if you want your photo in the yearbook.

**Q. How far ahead should I call for an appointment?**

A. At least 2 weeks; earlier to get the time slot you want. You can never schedule too early!

**Q. How much are your sitting fees?**

A. They vary depending on the length of the session you choose. Sitting fees start at \$20.00 for a basic yearbook pose. I often run specials, so be sure to call and ask if a special offer is available!

**Q. When and how should I pay for my session?**

A. Payment is due the day of your sitting. Currently we accept cash, checks and PayPal.

**Q. Where will my senior portraits be done? Will you go on-location?**

A. Our studio is located on 5 wooded acres in the beautiful Warren county countryside. Your session can be indoors only, outdoors only, a combination of both, or at a location of your choice.

**Q. Which is better, an indoor or outdoor session?**

A. Each has its advantage, depending on your tastes. Glamour shots and certain props definitely work better in the studio. Outdoor sessions give you the freedom to move around, and the lighting is more natural. Most of our seniors choose either the outdoor session or a combination of both.

**Q. What will my session be like?**

A. You will be offered refreshments when you arrive at the studio, then have an opportunity to look at sample poses and discuss your own posing and prop ideas. Your session is a chance to show your true personality. The pace is determined by you. We will take as many photos as time allows, using props from the studio, and/or those you've brought from home. Feel free to bring a friend or parent along if it makes you more comfortable. We want your session to be fun and enjoyable!

**Q. How long will the session take?**

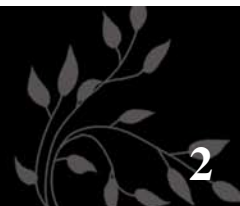
A. There are several session packages to choose from, all different in lengths. Your session can run anywhere from 30 minutes to 2 hours or longer. You'll have a chance to review the packages ahead of time so that, when you make your appointment, you'll know how long you want your session to be.

**Q. What if I go over my sitting time limit?**

A. We try to schedule our appointments with some wiggle room. If you're not quite finished when your time is up, it's not a problem. And we'll never charge you extra if you go over a bit.

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**Q. What will my portraits cost?**

A. That will depend on what you want. Several packages are available to save you money, or you can go strictly a la carte. Either way, portraits are available by the unit. Each unit costs \$15.00 at the a la carte pricing.

**Q. Can you explain more about the way units work?**

A. A unit is one 8x10-inch sheet of prints. That sheet holds anywhere from 1 to 8 images of the same pose. A unit is however many images will fit on one 8x10 sheet. Therefore:

- 1 unit = (1) 8x10
- (2) 5x7
- (3) 4x6
- (8) wallets

Units are a very flexible way to get exactly what you want. Each package includes a set number of units, but a unit can be any size photo you want it to be, and you can always add more.

**Q. When and how should I pay for my portraits?**

A. A deposit of 50% is due the day you place your order. The balance is due the day you pick up your portraits. Currently we accept cash, checks, and PayPal.

**Q. Will you use film or digital for my portraits?**

A. Our studio is strictly digital. It allows us to take an unlimited quantity of poses.

**Q. What should I wear?**

A. The focus should be on your face, not your clothing. Simplicity is the key. See the Photo Tips download for suggestions.

**Q. Do you charge for outfit changes? How many can I have?**

A. We do not charge per outfit change. You may have as many changes as time will allow, according to the session length you choose. We recommend at least two, but it's up to you.

**Q. Can I choose my own backgrounds from what you have?**

A. Yes. We will make suggestions according to your outfit colors.

**Q. Do you have props at your studio?**

A. Yes. We have some outdoor props that no other studio can offer, such as a sunflower-yellow 1957 Chevy pickup truck, and a red Harley Davidson motorcycle (subject to availability). A variety of other props is available, both indoor and out.

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**Q. Can I bring my own props?**

A. Yes. You are encouraged to bring your own. Examples: vehicle, guitar, band instrument, sports equipment. Anything that shows your personality!

**Q. Can I bring a friend? Does it cost extra if I do?**

A. Bring as many friends as you like. These sessions are some of the most fun we do. Your friends can be in all or just one of your poses, your choice. We never charge extra for friends!

**Q. Can I bring my pets?**

A. We love animals and would love to meet your pet! Just let us know when you make your appointment if your pet is coming with you.

**Q. I have some ideas for poses. Can we give them a try?**

A. Yes! We love to hear your ideas, and want you to feel comfortable during your shoot. Just let us know what you have in mind.

**Q. How can you make my portraits look different from everyone else's?**

A. You are unique and your portraits should be, too. A wide variety of creative options is available to make yours stand out from the crowd. You can view examples at our studio or online in our galleries. We will make your portraits look sensational!

**Q. Can you do black & white photos?**

A. Yes, and we never charge extra for black & white. Sepia prints are also available at no extra charge.

**Q. What about blemishes? Should I try to hide them?**

A. Ladies, just wear your makeup as you usually do. There is no extra charge for basic retouching of blemishes, moles and stray hairs. Whether you're a guy or a girl, your skin will look flawless in your final portraits.

**Q. Can you remove braces?**

A. Yes. This is considered extensive retouching and there is a \$35 charge per image for this service.

**Q. Can you get rid of glasses glare?**

A. Yes. This is also considered extensive retouching. Depending on the case, there is a \$25-\$35 charge per image for glare removal. Your best alternative is to go where you got your glasses and ask to borrow a pair of identical frames without lenses. Most places are glad to offer this service and it will save you lots of money!

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**Q. How many poses can I choose from when I order?**

A. Up to 8 retouched poses are included in the cost of your order. Nine poses and above are subject to a \$5.00 fee for minor retouching. Major retouching is subject to normal fees.

**Q. What if I only want wallets?**

A. Your units can be any size prints you want, which means they can all be wallets or any other size you want. Your choice!

**Q. Can I get my name on my wallets?**

A. Yes. Your name and graduating year are included at no extra charge.

**Q. What's the largest size print I can order?**

A. Our price list goes up to 20x30, but larger sizes are available upon request, up to 60 inches tall/wide.

**Q. Do you have online proofing?**

A. Yes, we do.

**Q. How long before my proofs are ready?**

A. About 2 weeks.

**Q. How long before my final order is ready?**

A. About 4 weeks.

**Q. How long do I have to place my order after my sitting?**

A. Your order should be placed with 4 weeks to avoid delays. First come, first served.

**Q. How long do I have to reorder if I run out of pictures?**

A. Your digital files are kept indefinitely, so you may order any time. Reprints are charged at current prices.

**Q. What about my yearbook photo?**

A. Your order includes either 2 wallet-size prints or a digital file for the yearbook. Please let us know what your school requires.

**Q. Can I get all of my portraits on a CD to use as I want?**

A. Yes.

**Q. Can I scan my photos if I just need a few extra copies or want to use them on the internet?**

A. No. You may not realize it, but it is illegal and against copyright laws to scan photos without written permission from the photographer. Please respect the time and efforts of our studio, and contact us if you need extras.

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