

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the wrkxfmly assignment?**

*wrkxfmly* is a multi-week assignment for high school photography students. The assignment supports students in making photographs and writing captions about work and family from their perspectives. *wrkxfmly* sparks discussion, deepens family and community connections, and fosters empathy and understanding.

## **Who designs and supports the wrkxfmly program?**

The assignment is designed and supported by Working Assumptions, a nonprofit arts organization. For more information on Working Assumptions, please visit [www.workingassumptions.org](http://www.workingassumptions.org).

## **Who participates in the assignment?**

Photography classes, afterschool programs, and community organizations across the country participate in *wrkxfmly*. In 2012, the *wrkxfmly* program began in one California school. Since then, it has reached 11 states and Washington, D.C., 62 schools and programs, and over 2,000 students.

Students in the program receive feedback sessions with a professional teaching artist who helps them to push their work further. Our teaching artist team includes photographers, photojournalists, and artists, providing a wide range of influences and inspiration across the program.

## **How are the images used?**

Professional curators review submitted images. Outstanding student work is recognized with the *wrkxfmly* Award of Excellence. Winning images are featured alongside other student work on the *wrkxfmly* website and awardees receive an honorarium and certificate. Photos may also be used in print or digital public presentations, national exhibitions, and promotions of the program.

We do not use any photographs without a signed use agreement from the photographer and a parent/guardian if the photographer is under 18.

**What is the benefit to students?**

The *wrkxfmly* assignment offers students the opportunity to participate in a nationwide photography project, explore empathy and understanding of family members' distinct roles and challenges, and build their technical photography skills through focused dialogue with professional photographers. The assignment enhances family, classroom, and community connections while honoring and sharing student and family voices.

Outstanding student work is acknowledged with an award and may be selected for future public presentations. The assignment can contribute to a student's overall portfolio for Advanced Placement, college entrance, and/or a career in photography.

**How is student privacy protected?**

Working Assumptions is an independent nonprofit organization; we do not share students' personal information with any other organizations, individuals, or other entities. Students can choose how they want to be credited for their photography: by full name, initials, a pseudonym, or anonymously.

Students may also participate in the assignment in their photo class without submitting work to us for review.

**Where can I get more information?**

Visit Working Assumptions' website for details about the foundation as well as the *wrkxfmly* assignment page for more information.

We are here to speak to family members and friends of students participating in our assignments. If you have any questions about the program, please get in touch at [education@workingassumptions.org](mailto:education@workingassumptions.org).