

When you have a picture taken there are a few things that you can do to better your portrait. These are guidelines only. Every portrait is different and there may be a reason why you would wish to avoid these rules.

1.) Coordinate your clothing. EXAMPLE: In a group picture no one person should be dominate. If five people are dressed in white and one in red, the one person in red will draw all the attention in the final picture. This will dictate where that person will be positioned in the picture, limiting your options in posing.

2.) Plain clothing photographs better than patterns. Traditional styles will look better, longer, than the stylish fashions of the time.

3.) Girls usually photograph better in long sleeves rather than short sleeves or sleeveless.

4.) Some of your poses may be full length. Dress from head to toe INCLUDING socks and shoes.

5.) Men should shave just before coming to the studio.

6.) Do you have a pre-conceived idea as to how you would like your picture to look? It is not mandatory that you do. But if you do, it is in your best interest to schedule a pre-portrait consultation, before you session date. We will get together and go over your ideas so that we are on the same page when we start taking pictures for your portrait. There is no charge for a pre-portrait consultation.

7.) If members of your family tend to be late, you may want to tell them that your appointment is 15 minutes earlier than it really is. Your fee for taking the picture is based on time and this time includes waiting.

8.) If we are taking pictures at your home remember, your home will be part of your pictures. Clean up the space where the picture will be taken. Mow the lawn if we are taking the picture in your yard.

9.) Our style of photography is a little different than other studios. You may wish to go on line and look at our gallery of prints. In doing this you may even come up with a new idea for your portrait.