



To ensure both your personal comfort and the best possible conditions for your photo shoot, Street Life Photography offers the following helpful hints.

## Clothes

- Wear clothes that make you feel comfortable and reflect your personality.
- Bring multiple outfits, both casual and formal.
- Coordinate your outfit from head to toe.
- Keep the tonal range of clothing in the same group; don't mix lights & darks in the same outfit.
- Select 2-3 complementing solid colors in tones such as green, blue, purple, burgundy, khaki, black, navy, and denim.
- Avoid large prints, stripes, busy patterns and bright colors. These overwhelm and create distractions in your portrait.
- A black shirt or top is always a good choice.
- Bring appropriate shoes, socks and a belt for each outfit.
- Be sure the clothes you select fit properly, especially shirt collars.
- Short sleeves are OK, but long sleeves are best. Be sure to bring at least 1-2 long-sleeve tops.
- Dark clothes will help make you look thinner.
- Traditional clothing styles will better stand the test of time.
- Medium-to-dark clothes look the best on dark backgrounds.
- Medium-to-light colors look the best on lighter-colored backgrounds.
- Earth tones are best for outdoor portraits.
- Bring all clothes on hangers. Be sure clothes are not wrinkled.

## Hair

- Wear your hair in your normal style.
- Do not change your hairstyle in the days before your portrait session.
- If you want to get a haircut, schedule it one week before your portrait session.
- A fresh shave is important for men. Neatly trim beard or mustache.
- Bring your hair care/styling products.

## Skin

- Minor blemishes and scars will be removed through retouching.
- Avoid sunburn and tan lines.
- Girls: Keep make-up simple and natural\*.
- Avoid makeup with sparkles and SPF. You can bring your makeup to the session.
- Your nails will show in some portraits. Be sure fingernails and toenails are polished and not chipped.

*\* Professional styling is available for an additional fee. Please contact the studio two weeks prior to your portrait session for more information.*

# Jewelry

- Keep jewelry simple and to a minimum.
- Bring appropriate jewelry for each outfit.

# Props

Props are recommended. Bring props that represent your personality. For example:

- Cars/motorcycles
- Hats
- Hobby items
- Leather jackets
- Letter jacket
- Pets (Welcome, but please call to provide advance notice. Please bring a leash and toys/treats to keep their attention.)
- Musical instruments
- Sports uniform/jersey
- Sports equipment (lacrosse stick, bat, football, etc.)
- Stuffed animals
- Sunglasses