**OKLAHOMA CAMERA CLUB (OCC) 2025 YOUTH COMPETITION INSTRUCTIONS**

 The Oklahoma Camera Club Youth Competition provides **sponsorship** **and assistance** for students and schools for entering the international Photographic Society of America (PSA) Youth Showcase. Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd, HM) in the OCC competition will receive trophies and certificates at the local awards ceremony.

 Follow the instructions on the PSA website so that your submissions have a chance to win both local OCC and international PSA prizes.

 Submit **projected and digital images with “one per image” PSA forms including the “one per student” entry form (download from PSA or OCC website)** to Piers Blackett, 6609 Trenton Rd, Oklahoma City OK 73116

 piersblackett@att.net before **3/8/25.**

 FOR THE OCC COMPETITION A STUDENT MAY SUBMIT NO MORE THAN FOUR PHOTOS IN EACH OF THE 6 PRINT AND 6 PROJECTED (Digital) CATEGORIES.

  EACH IMAGE MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH A PSA CATEGORY: **ARCHITECTURE, PEOPLE OR ANIMALS, SCAPES, PHOTOJOURNALISM, COLOR AND MONOCHROME** and according to PSA guidelines for prints and projected images.

* The image's longest dimension (vertical or horizontal) should be 2100 pixels, with a maximum file size of 4 MB.
* The image format is to be “jpg” at the 10, 11, or 12 setting.
* For best projection, images should be saved in the “sRGB” color space

 Use the model image release form for recognizable people if needed and complete PSA requirements as instructed on the PSA website before sending prints and digital (projected) images to us. Our judges will select PSA submissions according to the numbers allowed per student and per school (see PSA website).

<https://psa-photo.org/page/youth>

**Student Photography Instruction**

 Organized planning and instruction is advised beginning in September preceding the competition year. Successful participating schools, groups and individuals usually have a photography curriculum as part of a visual arts program to prepare for the competition in the spring. Contact Piers Blackett for group or individual tutoring resources. piersblackett@att.net

2025 SCHEDULE

 **Image submission**: by 3/8/25,

 **Judging:** 3/8/25 to 4/12/25

 **OCC Awards Ceremony:** 7 pm on Tuesday, 4/22/24.

 The Cole Community Center,

4400 NW Expressway,

Oklahoma City

(Parents and teachers are welcome, parking and entry is at the back of the church)

 **Images will be displayed on the OCC website. Top images are selected and submitted for international competition, the “Annual PSA Showcase”, by our judges. PSA winners receive awards and images are viewed internationally. Showcase announcements are expected to be early in September 2025.**

DONATIONS: Costs for the OCC program including awards are dependent on annual fundraising. The Oklahoma Camera Club Inc. has 501c (3) status and checks can be sent to the Treasurer, Ward Conaway, 5801 Great Hampden Rd Edmond, OK 73034.

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