

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Youth Photo Contest and Guidelines

Subject Matter:

Original photos depicting cattle, horses or the ranching way of life are suitable. Use your camera and imagination to capture the heart and soul of ranching life. Share your favorite scenes of cattle, horses, and the ranching life.

Age Categories:

This photo contest is open to youth in the following age categories. Age as of June 1, 2023.

- Age 5 – 8
- Age 9 – 13
- Age 14 – 18

Guidelines:

By submitting an entry, contestant accepts and agrees to comply with these rules.

- All contestants must be a member of OCA (either a student member, child or grandchild of a member or whose parents are employed by an OCA member). Proof of membership must be submitted with entry, such as active membership #.
- All entries must be uploaded accordingly so they will print at 300 dpi at 8" x 10" size.
- Photos must have been taken during the last 12 months.
- Any type of camera may be used, and photos may be color or black & white.
- You may submit as many photographs as you like; however, a separate entry form must be filled out for each photo. Only one entry per contestant will be awarded a prize.
- The content of the photograph may or may not include you personally. If the photograph includes you, it must be you who takes the photograph, for example by using the camera's timer.
- Although slight computer-enhanced photos are allowed, such as cropping, trimming, adjusting lighting, and red eye reduction, substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles, or using computer graphics will disqualify an entry.
- Photographs should not contain "user placed text." This includes such things as comments or titles. Text or wording that is part of the photograph (i.e., photo of a ranch sign, etc.) is acceptable.
- Modifying, enhancing, or altering a third party's pre-existing work does not qualify as entrant's original creation.
- A separate entry form must be filled for out each photo stating the contestant's name, parent's or guardian's name, age division, and a title describing the photo.
- Entries will become the property of OCA. Winning photos may be used for promotional purposes at the discretion of OCA
- OCA reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.
- Contestants are not required to attend the OCA Convention to be eligible to participate or win awards.

Judging

- Photos will be judged on the following criteria: 50% creativity, 50% photographic quality.
- An anonymous panel will judge entries prior to arrival at Convention and only the people's choice award will be judged at convention by popular vote.
- All judgments are final, and interpretations of the guidelines are at OCA's sole discretion.

Awards

The top two individuals in each age category will an award. Award winners will be notified prior to the OCA Convention and will be recognized during the Opening Session at the OCA Convention.

People's Choice Award

Photographs will be displayed for review by attendees during the OCA Convention. Selection of the winning entry for the People's Choice award shall be determined by popular vote, with the award given to the entry with the greatest number of votes received. The People's Choice Award winners will be recognized during the Closing Session at the OCA Convention.

The People's Choice Winner for each contest will receive an additional \$50 prize and coverage in our post-convention issue of *The Oklahoma Cowman* magazine. There will only be one People's Choice Winner for each contest selected from all ages combined.

Deadline

Your photo must be submitted electronically by June 30, 2023. Late entries will not be accepted. Complete the Google Form found on <https://forms.gle/m21F9Sw2uCMMWjVi9> or scan QR Code to access form:



Questions regarding the OCA Photo Contest may be directed to cmcneff@okcattlemen.org or 405.613.0239

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