

# TEACHER AND STUDENT GUIDELINES

## THE ROBERTA STRENT MEMORIAL AWARD 2024-2025

### **THE AWARD**

The Strent family has established an annual \$1000 award in honor and memory of Roberta Strent, a beloved mother, photographer and member of the Huntington Camera Club. It will be awarded to students who have demonstrated a superior aptitude and continuing interest in photography. The award money will be allocated to the top winners, as determined by the committee, with the Grand Prize winner being awarded \$500. Applicants earning an honorable mention may or may not be awarded cash but all will receive a Certificate honoring their achievement.

This is not a photo contest: the quality of the applicant's photography will be only one factor in the selection of the winner. The successful applicants will be announced no later than March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All applicants will be invited to attend the award ceremony on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the Huntington Public Library. **The winners are expected to participate in the award ceremony.**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be students who were enrolled during the current school year in one or more photography classes **and** recommended by their photography teacher. The photography teacher may recommend multiple students for this award. Applications will be submitted to the Huntington Camera Club subcommittee who will determine the winning students. The committee will share results with the Strent family before announcing their decision.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Applications complying with these guidelines must be submitted by the teacher to the Huntington Camera Club committee no later than February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Submissions will be digital only and must be sent to Deidre Elzer-Lento at [deelzer@gmail.com](mailto:deelzer@gmail.com) with a copy to Clyde Berger at [clyde\\_L\\_berger@yahoo.com](mailto:clyde_L_berger@yahoo.com).

Each application must contain the following:

- a letter of recommendation from the photography teacher of the applicant stating the reasons why the teacher believes this applicant should receive the award
- an essay/video/photo montage or other creative presentation from the applicant that demonstrates what photography means to you, how it plays a role in your life, and why you should win this award. Your presentation should include **at least** 3 examples of your work. We recommend including more than three images.
- contact information (email address) for the teacher **and** the student must be supplied.
- Email subject line should read: HCC Strent Award

All applications will be strictly confidential and reviewed only by appropriate members of the Huntington Camera Club and the Strent family. The creative presentation will be shared at the award ceremony. A permission/acceptance slip from the parent/guardian of the winning student will be required. Winning images, creative presentations and award night photos will be shared on websites and social media. Submission of your application will constitute your agreement to such sharing.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Questions concerning the award application should be directed to Deidre Elzer-Lento with a copy to Clyde Berger at the email addresses indicated above. We look forward to your submissions.