



2026 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

OCC ENDOWMENT OF THE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: Saturday, February 28th
PHOTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 20th

- It is preferred that current students applying for Photography Department scholarships are registered in 6 (or more) total units in the current Spring 2026 semester and have a 2.0 (or higher) cumulative OCC GPA.
- It is preferred that returning students applying for Photography Department scholarships will register in 6 (or more) total units for Fall 2026. Certain scholarships require enrollment in the Fall 2026 semester.
- Applications will be submitted as a digital portfolio on a dedicated Instagram profile. Applicants must also provide high-resolution TIFF files and web ready JPGs of their portfolios via Dropbox.
- ***OCC Photo Faculty reserves the right to defer scholarships at their discretion. OCC Photo Faculty may award multiple recipients to a specific scholarship at their discretion.***

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	AMOUNT	CRITERIA
OCC Endowment for Arts - Photo Scholarship	\$15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate Application due Friday 2/28 • Application- https://orangecoastcollege.academicworks.com/users/sign_in • Digital Photo Portfolio Submitted by March 20th via Photo Department Application
Isidore Myers Scholarship	\$5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
Art Photography Scholarship	\$5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a student returning to OCC in Fall 2026. • Must have completed Art Photography (PH283) and Contemporary Art History (Art 102) OR enroll in these classes in Fall 2026 • Completion of PH 130 (History and Aesthetics of Still Photography) strongly preferred. • The completed scholarship project must be displayed in a campus gallery by the end of Spring 2027. Digital documentation of the project and artist's statement must be submitted to the Photography Department Coordinator prior to the gallery exhibition.
Fascinated by Light - The Rick Steadry Scholarship	\$3500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
Pro Photo Connection Photography Scholarship	\$2500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
John Upton Memorial Photography Scholarship	\$2500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
Light as Story: Peggy Hesketh Photography Scholarship	\$2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026 • Applicants to this scholarship should submit a portfolio that reflects how photography is used in storytelling (the narrative). This can include, but is not exclusive to photojournalism, photographic art, documentary photography or personal expression. The narrative of the photographs can be either fictional, non-fictional or both.
A Story Told in a Fraction of a Second: Blade Gillissen Photography Scholarship	\$2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
Spencer Amonwatvorakul Photography Scholarship	\$1500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
Kathleen and David McKay Memorial Photography Scholarship	\$1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
Adrienne Sudweeks Memorial Photography Fund	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026
Rick Malmin Memorial Photography Fund	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to students returning in Fall 2026 • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026 • Commercial orientation preferred
Virgilio (Jr) Dobluis Memorial Photography Award	\$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to returning or non-returning students • Must be enrolled in 3 or more total units in Spring 2026