

Artistic Adventure

Stride K12 Art Contest



15th ANNUAL ART CONTEST GUIDELINES

Eligibility

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade enrolled in a Stride K12-powered school are eligible to participate. Students who are 13 years of age or younger will need their parent to submit on their behalf. Please make a note of this in the submission text.

Judging and Winners

- A panel of judges will review entries by grade level.
- One winner will be selected from each grade.
- All winners' artwork will be featured in the National Contest and Challenge Winners Gallery: <https://www.smore.com/y9d23-national-contest-challenge-winners>
- Winners will receive:
 - \$50 Amazon e-gift card
 - Certificate of Achievement

Theme

The theme for the 2021 Art Contest is **ARTISTIC ADVENTURE!** Whether your idea of excitement is rock climbing across the world or reading a book about creatures in a far-off galaxy, we want to know more about the adventures your student can imagine. Artwork can be realistic or abstract and may include people, animals, events, and objects.

Media and Technique Requirements

Students are encouraged to use bold colors and strong lines. Any of the following media or techniques may be used:

- Paint (watercolor, tempera, poster, acrylic, etc.)
- Drawings (pencil, charcoal, colored chalk, pastels, oil pastels, colored pencils, markers, etc.)
- Collages (cut-and-glued materials such as construction paper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, aluminum foil, etc.)
- Prints (handmade stencils, gadget printing, collagraphs, block prints, etc.)
- Original digital illustrations
- Photography
- Three-dimensional pieces (clay, origami, etc.) submitted as a photograph

Size Requirements

- Photo files of artwork should be no larger than 50 MB.
- Photo files must be .jpg or .png; no other file type will be accepted.
- Photo resolution should not exceed 3000 x 3000 pixels.

Judging Criteria

The panel of judges will evaluate entries based on the following criteria:

- Interpretation of the theme (50%)
- Technical skill (25%)
- Originality (25%)

Copyright Law

All artwork must be original and created entirely by the student. Any artwork that is copyrighted will be rejected. For example, no artwork taken directly from television shows, movies, video games, or books will be accepted; however, replicas will be accepted.

Multiple Entries

Students may submit as many entries as they'd like.

SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK

1. Go to <http://bit.ly/K12ArtContest>.
2. Scroll to the Submission Form and fill out the fields.
3. Upload a photo of your submission and use the “Tell us about your creation!” section to describe your **ARTISTIC ADVENTURE**.
4. Check the box that the person submitting is at least 13 years old or is submitting on behalf of a student.
5. Click the “Upload Your Creation” button to choose the photo of your art and submit.
6. Be sure to save your original work in case further documentation is needed.

Create a digital image of the artwork using one of the following methods:

- Scan the artwork.
- Take a digital photograph of the artwork.

Create the image at the largest size possible that does not exceed 50 MB. For example, a 5” x 7” digital photograph should be large enough for judges to see detail while still being less than 50 MB. If larger than 50 MB, use a photo editing program (such as Photoshop or Microsoft Office Picture Manager) to resize it by either lowering the resolution (dpi) or shrinking the dimensions. Other options to create lower resolution include changing the settings on the scanner or digital camera, or resizing the photo using an image optimizer, such as imageoptimizer.net. If approved, your artwork will be published on the TINT page within five business days.

Deadline for Entries

All entries must be received no later than **5 PM (ET) on May 31, 2021**. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be eligible to win.

Notification of Winners

Winners will be notified 14 calendar days after the end of the contest entry period.