Art Contest

Students in grades 1 through 12 draw or paint pictures of any subject matter.
Contest Support provided by Tyler Junior College Art Department

Contest Rules

(Revised August 2015)

1. The Academic Rodeo recognizes that there are many different mediums for artistic expression. Our contest is not set up to address all of these differences. Rather, our primary focus is on drawings or paintings on a paper surface. The artwork should basically be a two-dimensional piece. When paper collage or additions of fabric, yarn, etc. are added to the primary drawing, it should not extend significantly beyond the paper surface and should not add so much weight that the art cannot be displayed on a board for a lengthy period of time.
2. Artwork should be on a **white, manila, or black sheet of drawing paper that is no larger than 11" x 17".** It is important that the artwork be limited to this size to fit on the 12" x 18" poster board for display without damage to the art.
3. Acceptable mediums include crayons, markers, paper, paints, etc.
4. Artwork <u>must</u> be <u>mounted</u> on **poster board of any color that is no smaller than 8" x 10" and no larger than 12" x 18".** It is preferred that artwork be an overall consistent size of 12" x 18" for display purposes. Mounting will guarantee that pushpins will not be attached to the actual artwork. Actual art should **not** cover the entire poster board. **Please use adhesive that will hold artwork to the poster board for an extended period of time and will withstand humidity.** (Typically double-stick tape does NOT hold well.) When adhesive does not hold, pushpins will be inserted through the artwork to hold it to the poster board and the display board.
5. Do NOT mount artwork to foam board as the thickness makes display difficult.
6. **Artwork MAY NOT BE MATTED**.
7. Artwork should be given a title to indicate the subject matter. The title should appear on the front of the artwork or, if you prefer not to write on your art, the title may appear on the mounting. The title will also be listed on the label on the back of the artwork.
8. The student's name, grade, title of art, name of teacher, name of school and school district should be affixed to the upper left vertical corner of the **back** of the entry. **(**A page of **Labels** is provided in the Documents Section of the Art Contest page.)
9. **Each student submitting artwork must be registered on the Student Entry Form submitted by the school or group before the set deadline.**
10. No more than two best entries from each grade level (1st through 12th) from each campus may be sent to the Academic Rodeo office for final judging **no later than the entry deadline.** Each individual student is allowed only **one** entry.
11. A committee of judges will judge the entries and award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners as well as up to three honorable mention entries from each grade level of competition.

ART WHICH DOES NOT MEET THE ABOVE CRITERIA WILL NOT BE JUDGED, BUT WILL BE EXHIBITED IF POSSIBLE. Work which is excessively heavy may not stay in place with push pins used for displaying.

All entries will be displayed during the Academic Rodeo. Limited space may not allow for all entries to be displayed. When possible, photos of the artwork are displayed in a virtual Academic Rodeo on display during the East Texas State Fair.