



Student Art Contest Rules and Regulations

“A story of DuPage, Artwork representation of a Building, Scene, Person, Animal, etc. in / of DuPage County current or historical.”

DuPage County Fair Association’s intention is to encourage the education and appreciation of heritage of DuPage County. Therefore, the above definition will be the guideline as to what we consider eligible art.

This contest is open to high school students currently residing in DuPage County and enrolled in an accredited public or private high school or a home school environment. Students who have had or are in the process of having artwork published and/or used for profit are not eligible. Proof of resident required.

I. CONTEST GUIDELINES

- A. Students, parents, and teachers are not permitted to be present during the judging. Students, parents and teachers are invited to the Art Contest Reception on the Sunday afternoon following the contest where the artwork will be on display.
- B. Only one entry per student
- C. No more than one student may work on a single entry.
- D. Illustrations (paintings, drawing, etc.) and sculptures may be entered.
- E. The entries judged to be the Top 12 entries will be auctioned prior to the DuPage County Fair and exhibited for the five days of the Fair. The student artist will receive the proceeds from the auctions in the form of college scholarship funds from the DuPage County Fair Association. **The Artwork Will Not Be Returned to the Student.** By entering the contest, you indicate that you understand and agree that your artwork, if judged as one of the Top 12 entries, will be auctioned and proceeds will be disbursed on behalf of the student in the form of a college scholarship funds. Receipt and distribution of the scholarship funds is subject to meeting the criteria and rules established by the DuPage County Fair Association. **Students who fail to meet this criteria will forfeit these funds.**
- F. Required Entry Forms
 - a) Each entry must have a completed “Art Receipt Tag” attached to the paperwork.
 - b) Each student must submit the “Student Art Contest and Auction Release Agreement.” The release must be signed by the student and parent or legal guardian if the student is under the age of 18.
 - c) The “Photography Release” form must be attached if the student uses a photographic source.**ARTWORK THAT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY THESE FORMS (PROPERLY EXECUTED UPON DELIVERY) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

II. JUDGING CRITERIA

- A. The following criteria will be used to judge the entries:
 - a) **Composition** – demonstrated use of aesthetic balance of visual weight, including object and color placement as it applies to the artwork
 - b) **Craftsmanship with chosen medium** – Sophisticated use of brushwork, color mixing, blending, and skilled control of materials used.
 - c) **Demonstrated Artistic Skill** – Advanced handling of proportion, linear and atmospheric perspective, value, contrast, accurate drawing of details of subject, correct size relationships.

- d) **Creative, Fresh Approach** – skillful application of innovative approach to subject matter (i.e. unusual point of view, or other original approach)
- e) **DuPage Themed Content** – subject obviously falls within DuPage County setting.
- f) **Title of Artwork** – a great title will be thought-provoking and be an artist’s way of enhancing emotion concerning the subject.

B. These criteria will be weighed equally.

III. ENTRIES

A. Originality of artwork

- a) Student must indicate the source of inspiration on the “Student Art Contest and Auction Release Agreement” form to avoid disqualification due to copying. Acceptable examples are:
 - 1. In class model or display
 - 2. Student’s own or old family photograph
 - 3. Teacher’s Photograph
 - 4. Student’s imagination
- b) All artwork must be the student’s original composition. No copies, by hand, electronic or mechanical device, of any previously published piece of art, previously published photograph, or other copyright protected material will be allowed.
- c) A student may use as a **source reference** a non-published photograph he or she has received permission from the photographer to use, and the photographer must sign the “Photography Release” form. If the student, or another student, took the photo and is a minor, that student’s parent or legal guardian must also sign the release.
- d) When any such non-published photo is used for reference, a good quality copy of the photo must also be provided with the “Photography Release” form. It will not be returned to student. **THE ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR DIGITAL DISK SHOULD BE KEPT BY STUDENT AND MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST.**

B. Only the student submitting the artwork can perform work on the entry.

C. Artwork should be titled. (See judging criteria)

D. It should be indicated on the “Artwork Receipt Tag” whether a grid was used by the student.

E. All art must reflect DuPage County Present Day or Historic. The following are considered acceptable subject matter:

- a) People, residents, famous or other
- b) Buildings, parks, structures
- c) Nature, animals, wildlife within an obvious DuPage setting

F. Certain subjects are categorized as NOT acceptable for the Student Art Contest. The following will not be accepted and subject to disqualification:

- a) Satanic or violent art
- b) Nudes and inappropriate clothing, or lack thereof
- c) Items with profanity or of a lewd nature
- d) Gang symbols or themes
- e) Any wildlife not naturally found habituating in DuPage County, such as tigers, zebra, elephants, etc.

G. Certain types, styles and methods of artwork are NOT permitted in the Student Art Contest. The following will not be accepted and subject to disqualification:

- a) Jewelry Belt Buckles
- b) Photographic work
- c) Framed illustrations
- d) Wet paintings
- e) Charcoal or pastels that are not sprayed
- f) Entries made from mechanical or electronic devices such as (but not limited to):

1. Assistance of opaque or overhead projectors
 2. Photocopied or otherwise professionally or mechanically reproduced images
 3. Computer generated or computer enhanced art to include use of scanners
 4. Sewing machine
 5. No molds (only hand tools may be used)
- H. Certain materials may NOT be used in artwork submitted to the Student Art Contest. Artwork using any of these materials will not be accepted and subject to disqualification:
- a) Glitter
 - b) Plastic Figures
 - c) Pre-packaged, pre-cut craft or art kits
 - d) Commercial, newsprint lettering, stencils, or rub-on letters in their original form
 - e) Sand (unless it is glued or sealed, not loose)
 - f) Wax
 - g) Any fragile material that easily breaks or may be damaged by routine handling during setting up our exhibit (i.e. Soft clay, glass, etc.)
 - h) Living things
- I. Illustrations Guidelines
- a) The following MEDIA are examples of acceptable mediums:

1. Pastels	5. Ink	9. Chalk
2. Watercolor	6. Charcoal	10. Scratchboard
3. Oil Paint	7. Pencil	11. Oil Pastel
4. Acrylic Paint	8. Mixed Media	
 - b) Size of illustrations - Dimensions may be vertical or horizontal, but they must not exceed specified sizes.
Incorrect sizes are subject to disqualification.
 1. **Minimum** – 11" X 14" (including up to 3 ½" mat)
 2. **Maximum** - 18" X 24" (including up to 3 ½ mat)
 - c) Matting and mounting of illustrations
 1. Illustrations **must** be matted. "Professional" mats are recommended, but they are not required. At a minimum, sturdy material such as poster board or heavy construction paper should be used that prevents sagging of artwork when hung.
 2. **Mat size** must not exceed 3 ½" on any side. Double matting is acceptable, but total width of the double matting must not exceed the 3 ½" maximum.
 3. **Mat Color** is limited to **white, black, or light gray.**
 4. Painting on canvas with wooden stretcher frames, or on wood, must have a hook or wire on back for hanging, but need not be matted.
 5. Paintings on hardboard canvas may be matted or mounted with sturdy poster board instead of using hooks or wires. A minimum mat edge of 1" will enable the artwork to be displayed with clips, without damage to the canvas board.
 6. Acrylic coverings may be used, but are not recommended (they make our judging more difficult). **Be sure if they are attached, they can be easily removed for photography purposes.**
 - d) Charcoals and pastels **must be sprayed.**
 - e) Wet Paintings will not be accepted.
 - f) Illustrations should have an envelope taped to the back, forming a pocket. Slip all the required forms into that pocket, but **leave the envelope unsealed** so that forms can be removed and replaced as needed.
- J. Sculpture Guidelines
- a) Sculptures may be constructed by hand or any of the following materials:

1. Clay (air, dried, or fired)	5. Plaster
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2. Wire, chicken wire, etc.
 3. Wood
 4. Metal
 6. Paper Mache
 7. Any other material that meets the boundaries of our rules and regulations.
- b) Sculptures should be well made and able to stand alone. Any sculpture made of any fragile material must have a base to support it. **PLEASE NOTE:** Our exhibit will be open to the public including small children, and although we do our best to protect all artwork, it is impossible for us to control the activity of every person viewing our exhibit. **FRAGILE SCULPTURES SUBJECT TO DAMAGE BY ROUTINE HANDLING SHOULD NOT BE ENTERED.** Soft clay will not be accepted. We will not be responsible for damage!
 - c) **Maximum size** - Sculptures are not to exceed 20" in height or width, including the base.
 - d) **Weight** – Sculptures should not be excessive or weigh more than an average person can easily carry.
 - e) Place your sculpture in a box with padding. Tape an envelope to the side of the box, forming a pocket. Slip all the required forms into that pocket, but **leave the envelope unsealed** so that forms can be removed and replaced as needed. Use a heavy marker to write your name and the name of your school on the outside of the box.

IV. ART CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT

A. Check-In

- a) All artwork will be checked in at Building 3 on the **Friday** prior to the judging on Saturday.
- b) Check-in time is from **3:00pm until 7:00pm on Friday**.
- c) Each entry must have the following completed/signed paperwork attached to the artwork in their envelopes:
 1. "Artwork Receipt Tag" – student/teacher should keep a copy to check-out artwork.
 2. "Student Art Contest and Auction Release Agreement" form.
 3. "Photography Release" form – if required per rules above.

B. Check-Out

- a) All artwork not judged to be TOP 12 will be checked out to the student or teacher following the reception on the Sunday afternoon following the judging.
- b) Check-out time is from 3:30 to 4:30pm on Sunday. If for any reason you cannot pick-up your artwork at this time you must make prior arrangements with your school team liaison.
- c) All artwork not judged to be in TOP 12 must be picked up on Sunday, Artwork not picked up at that time may not be returned unless special arrangement has been made in advance.
- d) The artwork judged to be in the TOP 12 will be retained by the DuPage County Fair Association Art Committee and exhibited at the DuPage County Fair in July in the Expo Hall.
- e) The artwork judged to be in the TOP 12 will be sold at an auction to the highest bidder. All auction proceeds are the property of DuPage County Fair Association and are disbursed as college scholarship payments provided established requirements and criteria are met. **This artwork will not be returned to student.**

REMINDERS

- Verify required paperwork **signed** as required and in envelope attached to artwork.
 - Artwork Receipt Tag
 - Student Art contest and Auction Release Agreement
 - Photography Release & copy of photo
- Verify you are referring to and using the current year form revisions (see footer on form).
- Verify artwork does not exceed size restrictions
- Verify artwork meets matting and mounting guidelines
- Verify artwork does not fall into an unacceptable medium, type or subject matter category.

ORIGINALITY

There have been many questions and concerns on the topic of student “originality” in art.

Many students do not have personal knowledge of the subjects required for this competition. Therefore, published and printed material may be one of the tools the student uses to research the idea for his or her art. Please be careful how this tool is used.

For example: When a student researches a paper for History or English, published material is used to compile his facts or thoughts on the subject. It is very unlikely that a student will receive a grade if he copies the material. The same holds true for art. **PUBLISHED MATERIAL MAY NOT BE COPIED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART.**

The Student may use as a source reference a non-published photograph he or she has received permission from the photographer to use, and the photographer must sign the “Photography Release” form. If the student who took the photo is a minor, the parent or legal guardian must sign the release. When any such non-published photo is used for reference, a good quality copy of the photo must be included in the envelope. If a historical family photo is used, the student must be able to verify who took the photo. **THE ORIGINAL PHOTO(S) OR DIGITAL DISK MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST.** The photo copy will NOT be returned.



Student Art Contest Entry Form Package

This contest is open to high school students currently residing in DuPage County and enrolled in an accredited public or private high school or a home school environment. Any student participating in the contest must be a DuPage County Resident and be able to provide valid proof of residency. Students who have had or are in the process of having artwork published and/or used for profit are not eligible.

- **Student Art Contest and Auction Release Agreement (REQUIRED)**

- Please print all information at the top of page one
- Student is required to state their source of inspiration. Entries that do not comply will be disqualified.
- Student and parent (if student is under 18 years of age) must initial each section.
- Student and parent (if student is under 18 years of age) must sign the Acknowledgement section.
- If a student is 18 years of age or older, a copy of a photo ID must be attached which indicates the students date of birth (i.e. driver's license).
- Paperwork must be complete prior to check-in. Incomplete paperwork may result in disqualification of artwork from the contest.

- **Artwork Receipt Tag (REQUIRED –DO NOT STAPLE TO RELEASE FORMS)**

- This tag is hung on the artwork during the judging (bottom of tag) and during the reception (full tag) to identify the artwork.
- Please print legibly so the judges and reception patrons can read your information. Student must initial (second paragraph) to indicate they understand if their artwork is judged to be in the Top 12 it will not be returned.
- The medium and source must be entered. It must be indicated whether student used a grid to complete artwork. A copy of the tag should be retained by teacher/student in order to pick up the artwork after the reception if not judged in Top 12. Do not fill in the tag ID#. This number will be assigned at check-in by contest officials.

- **Photography Release (REQUIRED INF PHOTO SOURCE USED)**

- Refer to the Rules and Regulations regarding the acceptability of using a non-published photographer as a source reference. Stock photography from an internet site is not an acceptable photographic source.
- The photographer must sign the photography release form. No modification or substitute form is allowed. Original signature is required.
- If the photographer is less than 18 years of age, their parent or legal guardian must sign the release.
- If the photographer is no longer alive (i.e. old family photo) then the owner of the photograph must sign the release form and state their relationship to the photographer.
- A **copy** of the photograph(s) used should be included in the envelope with the photography release. **The photo copy will NOT be returned.**
- The original photo(s) or digital disk must be available for review upon request.

STUDENT ART CONTEST AND AUCTION RELEASE AGREEMENT

Please print all information

Student's Name: _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Student Last 4 digits of the SS#: _____ Student Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail: _____
Alternate Contact Name: _____ (i.e. parent/legal guardian) Alternate Contact Phone: _____
School: _____ District: _____
Teacher Name: _____ Teacher Phone: _____ (Please provide cell if you wish to be notified if student makes top 12)
Title of Artwork: _____
Source: _____ Medium: _____
(Imagination, Personal Photo, etc.)

DECLARATION OF ORIGINALITY

We, the student and the parent/legal guardian, hereby certify that the artwork to which this Student Art Contest and Auction Release Agreement relates to the student's own work. It has not been copied or reproduced from other artwork or photography by means of tracing, duplicating, or any other means. Further we certify that the student has not used mechanical devices such as opaque projectors, photocopiers, computer-enhancement or sewing machines. We agree that the DuPage County Fair Association and their duly authorized persons and representatives will not be held responsible for any copyright infringements, and we will release and indemnify and hold them harmless from any and all claims.

We, the student and the parent/legal guardian, have read the current year "Rules and Regulations" as provided to me by the DuPage County Fair Association Art Committee and agree to abide by the terms. We understand that any proceeds made on the student's behalf may be forfeited if it is determined that the artwork was copied or if student fails to comply with any of the "Rules and Regulations". We agree that DuPage county Fair cannot be held responsible for NEGLIGENCE, LOSS, THEFT, ACTS OF ANY OTHER PERSON, FORCE MAJEURE, or DAMAGE.

Student initial

parent/legal guardian initial

RELEASE OF ARTWORK

We, the student and parent/legal guardian, understand that if the student's artwork is judged to be one of the top 12 entries, it will be sold at an auction to the highest bidder. We waive any rights we may have in the artwork, and release, discharge and agree to hold harmless DuPage County Fair Association and their duly authorized persons and representatives from any liability by virtue of the use of the artwork. We grant permission to be photographed or interviewed in connection with DuPage County Fair Association. All auction proceeds are the property of DuPage County Fair Association and are disbursed as scholarship payments provided established requirements and criteria are met.

We, the student and parent/guardian, hereby acknowledge that we give permission to the DuPage County Fair Association and Art Committee, and their duly authorized persons and representatives, the absolute right and permission to copyright, publish, use photographic portraits, motion pictures, and/or video reproductions of student or student artwork, student's participation in the art program in which student or artwork may be included in whole or in part, or composite, or distorted in character or form, in conjunction with student's own or a fictitious name reproduction, thereof, in elsewhere, for advertising, editorial, educational, trade, or any other lawful purpose as deemed necessary by DuPage County Fair Association.

We, the student and parent/guardian, further acknowledge that our voluntary consent to waiving of any rights and/or privileges which we have in this matter is prerequisite to my entering the contest and to my competing in any contest held as sanctioned by DuPage County Fair Association and that a property executed copy of this release is part of student's valid application to be a contestant in any such event. We understand that if we do not sign and return this agreement, student's artwork will not be judged or displayed at the DuPage County Fair event sponsored and produced by DuPage County Fair Association.

I (we) hereby release discharge and agree to hold harmless, DuPage County Fair Association and their duly authorized persons and representatives from liability by virtue of any burning, distortion, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite from whether intentional or otherwise, that might occur or be produced in the taking of pictures, or in any processing tending towards the completion of the finished product.

We, the student and parent/guardian, hereby further acknowledge that we give permission for this use without receipt of any financial consideration or compensation, and that we waive the right that we may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied. We further waive all claims and rights, monetary or otherwise, that may arise because or any additional or future use of my artwork

or other above described material at this or any other future time, and we acknowledge that DuPage County Fair shall retain the sole right for designating the use of this material by DuPage County Fair Association, or by their duly authorized persons and representatives.

We, the student and parent/guardian, hereby further acknowledge that the student has not had or is not in the process of having artwork published or used for profit.

All artwork not judged to be in the Top 12 must be claimed between the hours of 3:30pm and 4:30pm after the exhibit and reception, which is held on the Sunday following the judging, during the month of July.

Student initial

parent/legal guardian initial

RELEASE OF IMAGE RIGHTS

We, the student and parent/guardian, irrevocably grant to the DuPage County Fair Association, and its agents and assigns, the right and authority to use any and all recordings and/or images of the student taken by DuPage County Fair Association in any medium for any purpose. WE waive all claims for payment in connection with any use of the recordings and/or images. We waive any right to inspect or approve the recordings and/or images. All recordings and/or images, in which form or medium, are the sole property of DuPage County Fair Association. We release and agree to hold harmless Publishers from any liability, and any cause of action, related to any use of the recordings and/or images, whether intentional or otherwise.

Student initial

parent/legal guardian initial

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

If Student is under the age of 18, parent or legal guardian’s signature is required. If Student is 18 years of age or older, attach proof of age (i.e. driver’s license).

I (we) have read this document. I (we) understand that it is a release of all claims. I (we) appreciate and assume all risks inherent in this event. This Agreement shall be construed according to its fair meaning and not in favor of either party.

In consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, for being allowed entry into and participation in the DuPage County Fair Association’s Art Student Art Contest and Auction, the UNDERSIGNED hereby VOLUNTARILY execute the DECLARATION OF ORIGINALITY and VOLUNTARILY enter into the RELEASE OF ARTWORK and the RELEASE OF IMAGE RIGHTS above.

If the student is a minor child, I represent that I am a parent (or legal guardian) of the minor, and I hereby agree that we shall both be bound by this Agreement. I hereby warrant that I am of full age and have every right to contract for the minor in the above regard.

Student initial

parent/legal guardian initial



PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE
Required if Personal Photo is Student's Source)

I give permission for _____
(Student's Name)

to use my original non-published photograph as a reference for the DuPage County Fair Association Student Art Contest. I release any rights to the image and give permission to the DuPage County Fair Association, and their duly authorized persons and representatives to reproduce this image at their discretion.

Photographer's Name (Print): _____

Where Taken: _____

Date Taken: _____

Photographer/Owner Signature: _____

If owner is not photographer, relationship to photographer: _____

Date: _____

IF THE PHOTOGRAPHER/OWNER IS A MINOR CHILD:

I represent that I am a parent (or legal guardian) of the minor, and I hereby agree that we shall both be bound by this Agreement. I hereby warrant that I am of full age and have every right to contract for the minor in the above regard

Photographer's Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____
(If Photographer/Owner is under age of 18 years)

Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date: _____