

Creativity for the courts



An art contest sponsored by the Dallas Bar Association and Dallas County Schools

We are pleased to announce an exciting art contest for students throughout Dallas County. The "Creativity for the Courts" contest is designed to encourage students to learn about and become interested in freedom, justice and the court system. Your district is invited to take part in this special event.

Elementary Category

Themes: Safety in the Neighborhood, My Family and Me, Proud to Be an American (Bright and shiny colors!).

Size: 18" x 24" is preferred, but larger pieces will be accepted. High quality copies will be accepted.

Acceptable Media: Crayon, pencil, watercolor, collage, acrylic, magic marker, colored pencil and chalk .

Middle School Category

Themes: American Justice System, The Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights, the criminal justice system, police and law enforcement (students are encouraged to express their most creative, raw and candid emotions and attitudes toward law enforcement and the justice system).

Size: 18" x 24" is preferred, but larger pieces will be accepted. High quality copies will be accepted.

Acceptable Media: Oil paint, watercolor, charcoal, chalk, acrylic, collage, photography or sculpture.

High School Category

Themes: American Justice System, American Law: The Constitution, The Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights, famous court cases in American history (For Example: Plessy v. Ferguson, Roe v. Wade, Bush v. Gore, Brown v. Topeka Board of Education, OJ Simpson Trial, etc.), the criminal justice system, police and law enforcement (students are encouraged to express their most creative, raw and candid emotions and attitudes toward law enforcement and the justice system).

Size: 18" x 24" is preferred, but larger pieces will be accepted. High quality copies will be accepted.

Acceptable Media: Oil paint, watercolor, charcoal, chalk, acrylic, collage, photography or sculpture.

Additional Guidelines and Information

Identification: All artwork MUST have a completed entry form attached to the back. Please fill the form out completely and legibly. Secure the form to the back of the artwork with tape, DO NOT STAPLE OR GLUE. A completed permission slip is required with each entry.

Awards: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each category (Elementary, Middle and High School). The winning students will receive a medal and a gift card to purchase art supplies. Cash prizes in the amounts listed below will be awarded to the school of each winner to be used by their art department.

Elementary: 1st place receives \$400, 2nd place receives \$250 and 3rd place receives \$150

Middle School: 1st place receives \$700, 2nd place receives \$350 and 3rd place receives \$250

High School: 1st place receives \$1,100, 2nd place receives \$600 and 3rd place receives \$400

All participants will receive a certificate. The winning artwork will be on prominent display in the central jury rooms of the Allen and Crowley court buildings. Additional art pieces may be chosen for display.

Award Ceremony: The Awards Ceremony will take place on April 14, 2010, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the BELO Mansion and Pavilion at 2101 Ross Avenue, Dallas 75201.

Judging: The entries will be judged on the basis of:

1. Originality
2. Creativity
3. Artistic Design
4. Ability to Incorporate Theme into Art Design

Location to Submit Artwork:

Dallas County Schools, Attn: Abby Cloud
612 North Zang Blvd.

Deadline: April 1, 2010

For more information, contact Abby Cloud at 214.944.4541 or acloud@dcschools.com

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ENTRY FORM

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ AGE _____

Complete this form and tape it to the back of entry
Deadline: April 1, 2010

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PERMISSION SLIP

I hereby agree to:

1. Submit my original artwork to Dallas County Schools and the Dallas Bar Association for critiquing and judging.
2. Permit the Dallas Bar Association to display my original artwork in the location of their choosing.
3. Grant permission to the Dallas Bar Association to list the student's first name, grade, school and district name for the purpose of displaying this original artwork.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Students Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Title of Entry: _____

Teacher: _____

Teacher's E-Mail Address: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Complete this form and include it with your entry.