



What is the “I am proud to be an Arizonan” student artwork competition?

“I am proud to be an Arizonan” is a visual arts competition for elementary, middle and high school students in the state of Arizona created by the Arizona Department of Education.

Students participate by entering one (1) artwork which is designed around the theme: **“I am proud to be an Arizonan”**.

All **two-dimensional media**, including paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and mixed media artworks, will be allowed. Entries will be displayed on the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) building walls and on ADE web publications.

Who may participate in this competition?

The contest is open to all Arizona public, private, charter, alternative, home-schooled and tribal school students currently enrolled in grades K-12.

What is the theme?

Arizona has many iconic patriotic figures, past and present, from Senator Barry Goldwater to the Navajo Code Talkers, from Justice Sandra Day O’Connor to Carl Hayden. They all served their nation proudly as Arizonans. What makes you proud to be an Arizonan? Is it our iconic landscape? Our cutting edge genomics industry? Your favorite Arizona athletes? The neighborhood where you live? The teachers in your school? Give thought to what makes you proud to be an Arizonan, and capture your ideas in your artwork entry.

How do students enter their artwork?

Each Arizona Local Education Agency – school district, charter holder, private school – is invited to submit **up to 4 works of art per district or charter holder**. We encourage school districts and charter

holders to engage as many students as possible in the competition, selecting four finalists from their district or charter entries for the statewide competition. Entrants will have their works of art displayed in the Department of Education buildings.

Each submitting district or charter school must complete the entry form found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5NHSXZZ>, including student and teacher contact information, parental authorization, and a brief description of the artwork in the students' own words.

ONE Entry Form will be submitted for EACH ARTWORK. If your district or charter holder is submitting multiple works of student art, the survey will be available for you to fill out up to four times. This ensures we have the correct information for each artwork we receive. Thank you! Submitted artwork will be delivered directly to the Arizona Department of Education buildings in Tucson, Phoenix or Flagstaff (see below).

When is the artwork due?

Artwork may be delivered to a designated AZ Department of Education building beginning **October 29th at 8:00 AM through November 6, 2015, at 12 noon**. Designated locations are open 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Designated buildings are:

- ❖ **1535 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007**
- ❖ **400 West Congress, #241, Tucson, AZ 85701**
- ❖ **3100 N. West St., Suite #300, Flagstaff, AZ 86004**

Artwork may also be mailed to: Arizona Department of Education, 1535 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007; however, we will not be responsible for any damage occurring in transit. We will not mail artwork back to the Local Educational Agency following the competition unless a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope and return mailing materials are included with the artwork submission.

What are the guidelines for submission?

Submissions can be made on any type of 12" x 18" paper. Photo submissions can be 8" X 10" paper minimum, 12" by 18" maximum. Maximum frame size is 16" X 20". ADE will frame submissions prior to display.

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Students who would like to enter artworks of alternative sizes are welcome to do so; however, they are responsible for framing their own artwork. If students choose to enter works that are already framed, please provide hanging apparatus (e.g. secured wire) on the frame itself. In the case of canvas paintings, the edges must be finished appropriately for gallery display.

What are the prizes?

- ❖ Up to Two (2) Grand Prize Awards - \$500 each. An additional \$500 will be awarded to each of the schools of the grand prize winners for art supplies.
- ❖ Four (4) First Place - \$300 each
- ❖ Four (4) Second Place - \$200 each
- ❖ Four (4) Third Place - \$100 each

What are the Divisions?

Students will be entered with and judged against other students from the same division. The divisions are as follows:

- ❖ Division 1: Kindergarten to Grade 3
- ❖ Division 2: Grade 4 to Grade 6
- ❖ Division 3: Grade 7 to Grade 8
- ❖ Division 4: Grade 9 to Grade 12

How will the artwork be judged?

- ❖ Originality (30 points)
- ❖ Artistic Quality (30 points)
- ❖ Effective Use of Color/Value (20 Points)
- ❖ Clever Approach to Theme (20 points)

Who will judge the competition?

Judging groups will be made up of qualified members from the community, artistic, academic and private sectors.

When and where will the winners be announced?

The Art Show and Awards Ceremony will be held at one of the Arizona Department of Education buildings in Phoenix, AZ on **Thursday, January 21, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM**, with check-in time at 9:00 AM. Photographs of the winners and their artwork will be taken during the ceremony. Winners are then invited to tour the ADE buildings in Phoenix where the artworks are on display. The ADE will alert all contributing teachers where the art show and awards ceremony will be held no later than December 1, 2015.

When and where will the artwork be on display?

Artwork will be on display at four Arizona Department of Education buildings from mid-January 2016 through October 2016. The buildings are:

- ❖ **1535 W. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007**
- ❖ **3300 N. Central Ave, Phoenix AZ 85012**
- ❖ **400 West Congress, #241 Tucson, AZ 85701**
- ❖ **3100 N. West St., Suite #300, Flagstaff, AZ 86004**

May we come see the artwork?

Students and their families are welcome and encouraged to visit the buildings and view their artwork in person. We suggest you email facilities@azed.gov with the student's first and last name ahead of time to determine where the artwork is displayed. Our Facilities office will respond with the location of the artwork to make certain you visit the correct building!

Will student artwork be returned? Yes

Artwork will be displayed for the entire year! Artwork will be on display at ADE buildings from January, 2016 – October 2016 due to popular demand by ADE employees!

Submitting districts, charter holders and schools may pick up their artwork **beginning October 27, 2016 through November 4, 2016 at the building where they originally submitted the artwork** (see above for

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submission locations). These dates will coincide with artwork drop off for the 2016-2017 Student Artwork Competition.

Artwork which is mailed to the Department may be picked up at the Phoenix location. We will not return artwork through the mail without receipt of a self-addressed stamped envelope and return mailing materials.

Who are the sponsors for the Competition?

The Arizona Department of Education receives support from AZ Citizens for the Arts, Hall of Frames and Doxa Central, LLC.

What if I have more questions?

Contact artsed@azed.gov for more information. Thank you!

