ArtFest 2020

Rules and Regulations:

ArtFest 2020 is open to high school students who reside or attend school within Michigan’s Third District.

Michigan’s Third District includes: Barry County, Calhoun County, Ionia County, most of Kent County, and Montcalm County’s Eureka Township not including the City of Greenville.

Each teacher may enter up to three students in the competition with one entry per student. If the school does not have an art teacher, the principal or school counselor may enter up to three students.

The artwork must be within the following categories: painting, drawing, collage, print, mixed media, original photography, or computer-generated artwork.

All entries must be original. The entry may not reproduce an image from a third party in the same or any other medium. The work may not infringe the right of any third party. The work may not violate U.S. copyright law. Any entry which has been reproduced from an existing work is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Please call our office if you are unsure.

Artwork must be framed or mounted and ready to hang with wire installed. Acetate covers are recommended for pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, and crayon drawings.

Entry (including matte and/or frame) must not exceed 26” x 26”. Additionally, the piece must not exceed 4” in depth nor weigh more than 15 pounds. Two properly completed Entry Forms are required for each piece of art. One form must be affixed to the back of the work of art and the other handed to staff when dropping off the art.

To Enter:

In order to facilitate adequate space for our exhibit, the Intent to Participate Form must be submitted by email or mail before Friday, March 20, 2020.

Art teachers (or students) must complete the Entry Form with both guardian and art teacher signatures. Securely attach a copy of the completed Entry Form to the back of the artwork and provide another copy to staff.

Once staff confirms receipt of the Intent to Participate Form, art teachers (or students) may submit art to the Grand Rapids office between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. We will also have designated submission days with extended hours. Those dates and times are listed below.

Art teacher (or student) is responsible for delivering the artwork to:

Gerald R. Ford Federal Building
110 Michigan St NW, Ste 460
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Submission dates: April 13 – 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

or

Battle Creek Tower
70 W Michigan Ave, Ste 212
Battle Creek, MI 49017
Submission dates: April 1 & 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Entries not accompanied by the required forms and signatures will not be entered into the competition. Also, entries cannot be accepted after Thursday, April 16.

Awards Ceremony:

All students, art teachers, family members, and friends are invited to the ceremony on Saturday, May 2, at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. E-invitations will be sent according to the contact information on the Entry Form. Prizes will be awarded, including the grand prize, which will represent the Third District of Michigan in the Congressional Art Competition. The selected entry will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. Art entries are to be taken home after the ceremony by the art teacher or the student.