



Teacher Flyer

Western Governors' Association High School Art Competition 2019

The "Celebrate the West" 2019 art competition is open to high school students (Grades 9-12) in the Western Governors' Association's active-member states and U.S.-flag Pacific Islands (list below).

The Competition: Submit an original two-dimensional artwork that conveys what your state means to you, how you are artistically inspired by your state, or the uniqueness of living in the West. You may draw inspiration from your state's history, landmarks, natural resources, National Parks or Monuments, current or historical events, people, community, and culture.

"Original artwork" is defined as artwork which is unique in concept, design, and execution, and is created directly and personally by the Student. "Original" work is not a copy or imitation.

Finalists will be displayed at the WGA Governors' Annual Meeting to be held in Vail, Colorado June 10-12, 2019. Finalists will compete for First, Second, and Third Place Awards voted on by meeting attendees, which include governors and their staff, U.S. Cabinet members, and WGA sponsors. The First-Place Prize award is \$1,200, the Second-Place prize is \$750, and Third-Place will be awarded \$500. \$200 will be awarded to each remaining state finalist. Students' artwork will be returned following the competition.

Students may also have the opportunity to have their artwork displayed in their home state's capitol building and meet with their governor. This is subject to scheduling and availability and may not be awarded to all students.

The Western Governors' Association is excited to collaborate with the American Museum of Western Art-The Anschutz Collection. The Denver museum displays over 300 paintings that survey 200 years of westward expansion. Teachers may find free comprehensive lesson plans and teacher resources on the [museum website](#).

The museum (1727 Tremont Place in Denver) is offering free admission for students who enter "Celebrate The West." Enter promo code WGA2019 when buying tickets on the [museum website](#) or visit in person and mention participation in "Celebrate the West" to receive free student admission. Valid through April 30, 2019.

To enter, students submit an Entry Form and a digital copy (PNG, JPG, PDF, BMP, TIF) of their artwork via email to WGAart@westgov.org. Go to WGA's website www.westgov.org to find the Entry Form and Rules; or call 303-623-9378. The deadline for entry is April 30, 2019. **Students must read the Rules carefully before entering. Entrants agree that if their work is selected as a Finalist, they will mail their original (not a duplicate) winning entry to the WGA office in Denver, Colorado by May 31, 2019.** Entry is free, and framing, matting, and shipping charges are paid for by WGA.

"Celebrate the West" is open to high school students from Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

