

WESTERN GOVERNORS' FOUNDATION

OFFICIAL RULES: CELEBRATE THE WEST

Western Governors' Foundation High School Art Competition 2022

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN THIS COMPETITION

1. Eligibility: The competition is open to high school students (Grades 9-12) in public, private, charter, and alternative schools. Home-schooled students in that age group also may enter. Students must be attending school in the following Western Governors' Association (WGA) member states or territories: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Northern Mariana Islands, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

2. Guidelines: Artwork must be two-dimensional, and may be created by painting (oil, watercolor, acrylic, etc.), drawing (pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, ink, markers, pastels, etc.) lithography, silkscreen, mixed media, computer graphics, and collage. No photography or video-based submissions will be accepted. The un-framed artwork submitted shall not be smaller than 8" x 10" and shall not be larger than 24" x 36" unless prior approval is given to student by WGF.

3. Subject Matter and Suitability: Students shall submit entries conveying what their state means to them, how they are artistically inspired by their state, or the uniqueness of living in the West. **All entries must be students' "original" work and not violate any U.S. copyright laws. "Original" 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 of another person's work.** All non-original work will be immediately disqualified, and the student will be excluded from all future competitions or programs hosted by the Western Governors' Foundation or Association. Entries that unnecessarily depict violence or political controversy, are profane or pornographic, or promote illegal activities will also be disqualified.

4. How to Enter: All entries must be received on or before 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on April 30, 2022. Students shall submit a digital copy (scanned, digital photo in one of the following formats: PNG, JPG, PDF, BMP, TIF) of their entry via email to WGAart@westgov.org. If a student is unable to submit artwork electronically, they may mail a photograph of their entry to Western Governors' Foundation, 2022 Art Competition, 1600 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, Colorado 80202. **Students shall not mail original artwork during the first phase of judging.** All entries must include a completed and signed copy of the Student Information Form available on WGF's website. Students are limited to one entry per competition cycle.

5. Judging: Winners will be selected based on originality and imagination, artistic quality, and expression of the theme. At no time do judges have access to students' personal information. The judging panel consists of local artists, art educators, art curators, and other art experts. Judging for state winners will occur the week of May 2, 2022. The second phase of judging will occur in conjunction with the WGA Governors' Annual Meeting held July 26-28, 2022, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Overall first, second, and third place winners will be selected by a vote of WGA Annual Meeting attendees. Attendees will not

have access to students' personal information. In the event of a tie, a final decision will be made by the original judging panel.

6. Prizes: The Western Governors' Foundation ("Sponsor") will award the following cash prizes. One (1) Grand Prize Winner will be awarded \$1,500, one (1) Second Place Winner will be awarded \$750 and one (1) Third Place Winner will be awarded \$500 ("Winners"). The remaining Finalists ("Finalists") from each state and territory will be awarded \$200. Prizes will be mailed to all Winners and Finalists by May 31, 2022. All federal, state, and local tax liabilities are the sole responsibility of the Winners and Finalists. Any Winner receiving \$600 or more will be required to complete and return an IRS W-9 form (i.e., Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification).

7. Finalist Notification and Entry Mailing Requirements: The Finalists selected during the first phase of judging will be notified by email on or before May 7, 2022. Entrants agree that if their work is selected as a Winner or a Finalist, it will be displayed online in a virtual competition, or at the location of the Western Governors' Association's annual meeting where final voting for overall first, second, and third will be open to WGA staff, Summer Meeting Attendees, and sponsors. Any ties for overall winners will be deferred to the original judging panel for final decisions. Winners will be notified by phone or email on or before May 21, 2022. Winners and Finalists will be posted on WGF's website <https://westgov.org/celebrate-the-west> beginning on or before June 1, 2022.

8. Use of Entries: Sponsor shall not own any rights to entries submitted, other than the expressly granted right to publicly display entries and reproduce them for WGA's website and noncommercial promotional materials as described in these rules.

9. Individual State Recognition of Winners/Finalists: Many WGA Governors' offices offer additional recognition opportunities, and such recognition varies by state. Some states may offer to display the students' artwork at their capitol or state buildings. WGF will pay for, and help coordinate, shipping and matting if requested by Winners/Finalists. Winners and Finalists are not required to pay for shipping, and WGF will pay for up to \$60.00 for framing/matting (unless other prior arrangements are made with WGA). Following the artwork display, arrangements will be made with students to return the artwork to them at WGF's expense.

10. Conduct of Participation: By entering the competition, students agree to adhere to these rules and to abide by the decision of the judges. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any student acting in violation of these rules or found tampering with the entry process, or with the operation of the competition or website. Any attempt to deliberately damage or undermine the operation of the competition may be in violation of criminal and civil laws, and WGF reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies (including attorneys' fees) from any such individual to the fullest extent of the law, including criminal prosecution. The competition is governed by the laws of the United States and territories and by entering, all students submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the federal, state, and local courts located in Denver, Colorado.

11. Limitations and Release of Liability: BY ENTERING THE COMPETITION, STUDENTS AGREE THAT SPONSOR AND WGA AND ITS RESPECTIVE GOVERNORS, EMPLOYEES, SPONSORS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND PARTICIPATING COMPETITION JUDGES SHALL NOT HAVE ANY LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION FOR ANY LOSS OR NON-DELIVERY OF, OR DAMAGE TO, ANY ARTWORK THAT IS NOT CAUSED DIRECTLY BY SUCH PERSON'S OR ENTITY'S WILLFUL OR RECKLESS

MISCONDUCT. By entering the competition, students agree to release, discharge, indemnify, and hold harmless Sponsor and WGA and its respective Governors, employees, sponsors, directors, shareholders, and agents, and participating competition judges from and against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement by any party whatsoever; as well as any other claims, damages or liability of any kind resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, misuse or use of any prize, participation in any competition related activity, or participation in this competition. Sponsor reserves the right to modify, suspend or terminate the Contest in the event it becomes necessary due to circumstances beyond Sponsor's control. In the event the Competition is terminated early, Winners and Finalists will be selected from all eligible entries received at the time of termination.

12. Winners List: Winners and Finalists will be posted on WGA's website on or before June 1, 2022. For an Official Winners and Finalists List (available after June 1, 2022), send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Western Governors' Foundation Art Competition, 1600 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, Colorado 80202. All requests must be received by December 31, 2022.

13. Sponsor: Western Governors' Foundation, 1600 Broadway, Suite 1700, Denver, Colorado 80202