

Alabama Association of School Boards 75th Anniversary Student Art Contest

“Diamond Legacy: Illuminating 75 Years of Education Leadership in Alabama”



The Alabama Association of School Boards is accepting entries from public school students (grades k-12) for its 75th Anniversary Student Art Contest. The contest is sponsored in part by [Fairbanks, LLC](#).

This contest theme is "**Diamond Legacy: Illuminating 75 Years of Education Leadership in Alabama.**" Submissions should illustrate and celebrate the illuminating power of school board leadership and education in the state of Alabama. Let your creativity sparkle!

Eligibility and Entry

- The contest is open to all Alabama public school students in grades K-12.
- There is no fee to enter the contest.
- All entries must be received by **October 18, 2024, at 11:59 pm Central Time (CT)**. No extensions will be granted.
- Submissions must be made using the **ONLINE CONTEST ENTRY FORM**.

Artwork Requirements

- All artwork must be an original work by the contestant and shall not infringe on any copyrights or any other rights of any third parties.
- The artwork must be 2D, such as a painting or drawing. Acceptable media includes but is not limited to, paint, pencil, marker, crayon, ink, felt, and oil pastel.
- Digitally created artwork and photographs are not accepted.
- A.I.-generated artwork is not accepted.
- Maximum size for artwork is 26" x 32."
- Artwork should be student-produced and in good taste.

Submission Guidelines

Judging for this contest will be conducted virtually based on photographs submitted online of the student's original artwork.

- All submissions must be made by an individual artist. Group submissions are not permitted.
- Applicants may submit only 1 art piece (**1 art piece per student**).
- Applicants must fill out all required information on the **ONLINE ENTRY FORM**
- All entries for students under 18 years of age must include a **SIGNED PARENT RELEASE FORM**
- Applicants must upload a high-resolution, high-quality photograph or full-color scan of the original artwork.
- TIPS: (1) Ensure your digital image is clear and accurately represents your work, as it will be used for judging; (2) Most smartphones or digital cameras can produce suitable images if a scanner is unavailable.
- All participants must provide parent/guardian and school contact information.

Selection Criteria

Entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges selected by AASB and will be evaluated based on:

1. **Theme Interpretation:** How well does the artwork reflect the contest theme "Diamond Legacy: 75 Years of Illuminating Education Leadership in Alabama"? Does it effectively convey the ideas of educational leadership, progress and the illuminating power of education?
2. **Creativity and Originality:** How unique and innovative is the artwork? Does it present a fresh perspective or approach to the theme?
3. **Artistic Skill:** Considering the artist's grade level, how well-executed is the artwork in terms of technique, use of media, and overall quality?
4. **Visual Impact:** How visually striking is the artwork? Does it immediately capture attention and leave a lasting impression?
5. **Composition and Design:** How well-organized are the elements within the artwork? Is there a clear focal point and good use of space?
6. **Emotional Resonance:** Does the artwork evoke emotion or inspire reflection on the importance of education and leadership?

Judging and Prizes

- Winners will be awarded in two categories: grades K-5 and grades 6-12.
- The first place winner in each category will receive \$1,000 in prize money.
- The second place winner in each category will receive \$500 in prize money.
- All contest submissions will be shared on AASB's website, AlabamaSchoolBoards.org and on AASB's social media platforms.
- Winners will be recognized and receive prizes on **Saturday, December 7, 2024**, during the 8:30 a.m. closing session of AASB's Annual Convention at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa.
- All contest participants will receive a digital certificate of participation.

Additional Rules

- Winners will be required to mail the original artwork to AASB for temporary display at the association's Annual Convention Dec. 5-7, 2024, at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa, and permanent display at the Alabama Association of School Boards headquarters in Montgomery. Original artwork will not be returned.
- AASB reserves the right to disqualify artwork deemed offensive or plagiarized.
- Entries that do not comply with all contest rules will be disqualified.
- All winners and their parent/guardian and school will be contacted before the AASB announces the winning entries.

Rights and Usage

- All submissions may be used to promote the AASB 75th Anniversary Student Art Contest, education and the work of the Alabama Association of School Boards in all media.
- Artwork, art descriptions, and student information (i.e., name, school, grade) may be used in publications and distributed to the media.

Contest Timeline

Monday, Aug. 12, 2024: Contest Opens for Entries via **ONLINE ENTRY FORM**

Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, 11:59 p.m.: Contest Submission Deadline

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024: Winners notified

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024: Prize Presentation & Recognition of Winners will take place at the 8:30 a.m. closing general session of AASB's Annual Convention at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa.

Questions regarding the contest can be addressed to:
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