



# Youth Art Contest

SPONSORED BY THE MERIDIAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

## FOR GRADES K-12 | WIN CASH PRIZES AND AWARDS FOR ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

### 2026 CONTEST DETAILS

Students in grades K-12 may enter both the Art and the Photography Contests. One entry may be submitted for the Art Contest; One black & white photo and one color photo may be submitted for the Photography Contest.

#### LABELING INSTRUCTIONS

- An artwork label must be attached to the back of each entry.
- Artwork must be submitted in a container with your school's name on it.

#### WHERE TO SUBMIT ARTWORK

- Artwork must be delivered to the Meridian Museum of Art on April 4, 2026 between 11am and 5pm; located at 628 25th Avenue; 601-693-1501.

#### JUDGING & DISPLAY

- Judging will take place the week before Threefoot Festival.
- All contest entries will be on display in the Meridian Museum of Art during the 2026 Threefoot Festival on Saturday, April 18 from 10am to 4pm.

#### AWARDS PRESENTATION

Presentation of awards will be made on the main stage at Threefoot Festival on Saturday, April 18 at 12:30pm.

#### AWARDS CATEGORIES

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place cash prizes/ribbons, and honorable mentions will be awarded in each of the following age categories:

- Grades K-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12

#### ARTWORK PICK-UP

Artwork must be picked up at the Meridian Museum of Art from April 21-25 between 11am and 5pm. The Meridian Council for the Arts or the Meridian Museum of Arts are not responsible for any works not picked up by April 25.

### ART CONTEST

#### CONTEST THEME

Artists may create whatever inspires them!

#### MEDIA CATEGORIES

*Note: The Meridian Council for the Arts will determine the category in which your artwork will be judged.*

- **Painting** - Oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, casein, tempera
- **Drawing** - Pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, crayon
- **Mixed Media** - Two or more media, incorporating any number of materials, including collage and assemblage
- **3D Sculpture** - Non-functional object modeled, carved, cast, constructed, or assembled of any material (including clay, glass, acrylic, wood, metal, etc.). Must be freestanding.

#### SIZES & INSTRUCTION

- Size limit for paintings, drawings, and mixed media: 30x36"
- Size limit for 3D Sculptures: 24x36" (must be freestanding)
- Artwork is to be mounted on poster board or matted (no frames or glass allowed). Hangers are not needed.
- Artwork **must be signed by the artist** and the artwork label must be taped to the back.

### PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

#### CONTEST THEME

Use your imagination! Photographs will be judged on composition, originality, photographic technical skill, and creativity.

#### SIZES & INSTRUCTION

- Students may enter one entry in color and one in black & white. All entries must be the work of the student.
- Photographs must be 4"x6" mounted on an 8"x10" piece of white poster board, centered. Hangers are not needed.
- Do not mat or cover the front of the poster board or photograph in any way.

# ARTWORK LABELS



## 2026 THREEFOOT FESTIVAL YOUTH ART CONTEST ENTRY

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF WORK \_\_\_\_\_



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