

San Antonio Founders Day 2009 – 2010 Visual Arts Contest Rules

Updated: February 27, 2010

1. THEME:

“How the History and Heritage of a Cultural Group Have Contributed to San Antonio.”

2. WHO:

- Public, private or home-schooled students, grades 6-12 as of March 31, 2010.
- Entrants must live in Bexar County OR these seven (7) adjacent counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina or Wilson.
- Each student artist may submit **ONLY ONE** entry per year.
- Previous winners can compete in subsequent grade level contests.

3. ENTRY FORM:

Fill out the two-page entry form, which includes some basic questions about yourself and your selected cultural group. (THINK before writing it down – reread it – does it make sense?)

4. ART SPECIFICATIONS:

- Each entry must be the original work of the student artist submitting the art work.
- The entry must be accompanied by a 50 – 100 word written description of the meaning of the entry and how it represents this year’s theme. ***The entry should reflect reading and research in local history.*** A list of possible references is available for use at www.SanAntonioFoundersDay.org.
- Dimensions of entries: Flat art **16 inches by 20 inches**.
- The artwork may be produced using any medium, i.e., acrylics, charcoal, collage, crayon, oils, photograph (and computer-generated imaging), watercolor – provided that they are NOT three-dimensional.
- The artwork may not contain copyrighted material.
- No signatures or initials may appear on the front of the design. Any artwork with such identifying characteristics will be disqualified and eliminated from the competition.

5. JUDGING:

- Professionals from San Antonio academic and the local visual arts communities will judge entries.
- The contest organizers reserve the right to not award in a particular grade level based on the quality of the entries.
- Entries will be judged by grade-level and on:
 - (a) How well they interpret the theme.
 - (b) The quality of the artwork.
 - (c) Completeness and clarity of written description.
- Artwork **will be disqualified** for:
 - Missing, incomplete or illegible description and/or entry form.
 - Inappropriately sized material.
 - Use of copyrighted materials.
 - Three-dimensional art.

6. PRIZES:

ONE winner in EACH GRADE LEVEL will receive one \$1,000 scholarship to The University of the Incarnate Word.

ONE Honorable Mention in EACH GRADE LEVEL will be awarded a certificate.

7. SUBMISSION:

The entry must include:

- The artwork.
- The 50-100 word written description of the meaning of the entry.
- The completed entry form.
- The 50-100 word written description of the meaning of the entry must be signed by the student artist and securely attached to the back of the actual artwork in the upper right hand corner.
NOTE: Upper right-hand corner placement of the description on the back of the entry will also show the judges how to orient the entry for judging.
- Entries should be mailed in a protective envelope to the following address and **MUST BE** postmarked by March 31, 2010.

Mail to:

San Antonio Founders Day Visual Art Contest
P. O. Box 700767
San Antonio, Texas 78270-0706

NOTE: Schools submitting multiple entries can contact the contest chair for other options for submitting the entries. See contact information below.

8. EXHIBITION:

Winning and Honorable Mention entries in each grade-level will be displayed at the 2010 San Antonio Founders Day event (Saturday, October 23, 2010).

9. DISCLAIMERS:

- The entries will be unsecured at times.
- SAFDA will not insure entries it receives – please be aware of this before submitting your entry.
- Neither The University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio Founders Day Alliance nor San Antonio's Founding Heritage can be held liable for any loss or damage to the art work submitted to the contest.
- Any monies realized from the sale or licensing of the artwork will be used to support the contest and SAFDA education initiatives.
- The winning artists must provide autographs without charge to the San Antonio Founders Day Alliance.

By submitting an entry to the contest, the student artist agrees to the above disclaimer, and grants SAFDA the right to photograph the entry and display such photograph as it deems appropriate, i.e., on the internet or in print publications for advertising or informational purposes. Creator retains the right of ownership of any art submitted to the contest and is responsible to retrieve the entry upon notification.

10. QUESTIONS:

Contact Sydney Spence, Visual Arts Contest Chairman, at (210) 590-2781 or SeeSanAntonio@sbcglobal.net