

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS, EASTERN DISTRICT

Student Art Competition

Celebrating 150 Years of Justice

In conjunction with its 150th Anniversary, the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District is excited to provide a venue for students within the Eastern District to express their view of “What do courts mean?” through artistic expression. Entry in the competition is free and open to all students in grades 1-12, including public, private and home-schooled, within the territorial jurisdiction of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

Artwork will be judged based on the following criteria: originality, design, technique, content, and appeal to the theme of “What do courts mean?”.

Entry and Deadline

Each entry must include a completed and signed Student Entry and Release Form, along with the original artwork. **NOTE:** Teachers may contact us for a bulk-submit option for classes.

Entry must be postmarked or hand-delivered no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2026, to:

Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District
Attn: 150th Anniversary Art Contest
815 Olive, Suite 304
St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Please read the guidelines completely. All guidelines must be followed or entry will be disqualified.

Guidelines

- All entrants must be students in grades 1-12 within the territorial jurisdiction of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District for school year 2025-26, spring semester. To see the geographic boundaries of the Eastern District, visit: <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=151>
- No entries will be accepted from employees, employees’ spouses, or relatives of an employee or an employee’s spouse by second-degree consanguinity.
- All artwork must relate to the theme of “What do courts mean?” and must be original.
- Only the following mediums will be accepted: painting (oil, watercolor, etc.), drawing (pencil, ink, pastels, charcoal, etc.), prints (block prints, silkscreen, etc.), mixed media (must use more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.), and/or collage (two-dimensional only).
- Artwork must be no larger than 16” x 20” and no smaller than 8” x 10” and can be any shape so long as maximum dimensions are not exceeded. Layout may be horizontal or vertical. No frame is necessary.
- No three-dimensional entries will be accepted. Entries must be flat and on paper, thin canvas, or similar.

- No photography or computer-generated entries will be accepted.
- Only one entry per student is allowed.
- Student should sign or initial entry in lower right corner.
- Students should enter only original artwork. Plagiarism is not acceptable, including work copied from photograph, painting, graphic, etc., created by someone other than the student. Students should visit the [Scholastic website: https://www.artandwriting.org/awards/how-to-enter/copyright-plagiarism/](https://www.artandwriting.org/awards/how-to-enter/copyright-plagiarism/)

Student Information and Release

All students must submit a Student Entry and Release Form (p.3-4 of this document). Page 4 contains a legal release and certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. The student, a teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.

Both pages of the Student Entry and Release Form **must be** securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece. Please retain a copy for your records.

Awards

The art will be blind judged by judges of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District.

Entries will be divided into groups by grade:

- 1st and 2nd grades = Lower Elementary
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades = Upper Elementary
- 6th, 7th, and 8th grades = Middle School
- 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades = High School

Three winners will be selected for each group. Winners will be notified during the week of March 30, 2026.

Each group will receive three awards:

- First Place: \$75
- Second Place: \$50
- Third Place: \$25

All winners will also receive a certificate. The first-place winner in each group will be displayed in the Old Post Office at the location of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District during the ceremony celebrating the 150th Anniversary and up to one year thereafter. Each winner will be invited to the ceremony and their accomplishments recognized by the Court during the ceremony.

NOTE: All winning and non-winning entries become the property of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District and will not be returned except upon special request.

Direct questions to:

Joy Hannel, Court Administrator at 314-539-4300

Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District

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Student Entry and Release Form Instructions: Complete all blanks unless “optional.” Print and handwrite, or complete electronically then print. Signatures may be actual or electronic. Attach to the back of artwork before shipping or delivering.

Student's Name:

Grade:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Phone:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Student Email: (optional)

Home/Mailing Address:

City, County, State, Zip:

School:

Teacher Name: (required)

Subjects/Grades Taught:

Teacher Email:

Teacher Phone:

Title of Artwork:

Description of Artwork:

Medium: (be specific)

Dimensions:

Originality Certification:

I hereby certify that this is my original work and that it is not copied from a published magazine, photograph, book illustration, web site, or another person.

Signatures may be actual or electronic:

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Artwork Release:

I grant the contest organizers the right to publicly display the art entry and student's name, grade, and school, if it is selected for display, for a period of up to one year. I acknowledge that the final decision regarding the suitability of an art entry to be displayed in the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District will be made by the judges of the Court. I understand that all entries become the property of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District. I grant the contest organizers the right to reproduce the art entry for any noncommercial purpose, and to post on related websites and social media channels, along with student's name, grade, and school. I further release the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the Art Competition.

Signatures may be actual or electronic:

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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