



Republic of Texas Art Contest

Sponsored by the Star of the Republic Museum

The purpose of this art contest is to give 4th graders the opportunity to make historical and cultural connections through Art while they explore artistic talents to explore the rich history of the Republic of Texas, as well as events that led up to the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence.



What is the theme of the art contest? The theme is “Republic of Texas.” Each piece of art entered must use this theme. Students may choose any historic topic from the “Republic of Texas” or the events leading up to that period. All entries depicting events past 1846 are automatically disqualified. The subject of the artwork may be expressed as a portrait, landscapes or still life (people, places, things or events).

Many Cultures of the Republic

European Exploration

Immigration to Texas

The Texas Revolution

Life in the Republic

Famous People (from the period)

Who is eligible to enter? The contest is open to all students in grades 4th grade, who are enrolled in a public, parochial, private or home school that has a Grimes or Washington county physical mailing address or whose home address is within Grimes or Washington counties. Students may enter **one** design.

When is the entry deadline? The deadline is Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Museum personnel will schedule to pick up artwork from the participating schools in Grimes and Washington counties. Districts with multiple schools participating are encouraged to gather artwork to a central location.

How will the winners be selected? A qualified panel of judges will base their decisions on how well the student is able to:

1. Visually express the spirit of the “Republic of Texas” with historical accuracy
2. Originality of design
3. Quality of workmanship.

What are the Prizes?

****Grand Prize** - Trophy, contest certificate, plus a bonus prize for the overall contest

*Washington County:

- **1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place** – Trophy, contest certificate, plus a bonus prize
- **Honorable Mentions** – Trophy and a contest certificate.

*Grimes County:

- **1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place** – Trophy, contest certificates plus a bonus prize
- **Honorable Mentions** – Trophy and a contest certificate.

(All participants will receive a certificate of participation)

What will be done with the winning artwork? Winning artwork will be on display at the Star of the Republic Museum until May 22, 2009 and will be given back to the schools by May 29, 2009.

If a student wins, how will notification be handled? When will the prizes be presented? Letters will be mailed to the winners and their schools by Tuesday, February, 20, 2009. The Awards Ceremony will take place Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 12:30 in the Star of the Republic Museum Theater during the Texas Independence Day Celebration.

Republic of Texas Art Contest Official Rules:

Are there any important rules? Yes. You should know that the rules are extremely important.

Any piece of art that breaks one or more rules will be disqualified. Do not enter any piece of art that does not conform to the rules.

1. The artwork must be at least 8" X 10", no larger than 22" X 28" (standard poster size) and must be able to be mounted on the Museum Theater wall either horizontally or vertically.
 2. Do not fold or bend artwork.
 3. **No lettering, words or numbering will be allowed.** Lettering, words or numbering will mean automatic disqualification including the artist's signature and the words TEXAS / REPUBLIC.
 4. No images done on a computer will be accepted.
 5. Do not mount or mat the artwork. All artwork that is mounted or matted will be disqualified.
 6. Three-dimensional techniques (such as collage) *will* be accepted however do not use materials that will flake or fall off (glitter, sequins, confetti, etc.) easily with handling. Artwork must be able to hang on the Museum Theater wall or will be automatically disqualified.
 7. The contest is open to a variety of media and techniques, including but not limited to: **graphite or colored pencil, tempera, watercolors or acrylic paint, felt-tip markers, ink, scratch-board, colored tissue or pastels.**
- Hint:** Teachers, please encourage your students to use "happy" or bright colors in order to capture the spirit of independence of the "Republic of Texas".
8. We encourage students to do their artwork on such surfaces as standard, flexible poster board, heavy drawing paper, or other sturdy types of paper. We discourage the use of lightweight paper (such as bond paper, typing paper and notebook paper) that will wrinkle and buckle easily with a wet medium such as tempera paint.
 9. Entry Forms must be **completely and legibly** filled out (please print or type) and **securely attached to the back of the artwork.**
 10. Each entry must be the **original** work of **one** student.
 11. Artwork that has been submitted to other contests or that has been published elsewhere is not eligible for entry.



Still Have Questions?

Contact Sabra at the Star of the Republic Museum
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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

"Republic of Texas" ART CONTEST

Attach this form securely to the back of entry. (Entry form may be mechanically reproduced or photocopied if additional copies are needed) **Please type or print legibly.**

Entry deadline is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2009. All entries must be received by that time.

STUDENT'S FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____ COUNTY _____

HOME PHONE _____

SCHOOL _____ TEACHER'S NAME _____