

WINTER HOLIDAY CARD VISUAL ARTS CONTEST

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— TEACHER PACKET —

This packet is an overview of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma's Winter Holiday Card Visual Arts Contest.

Within it, you should find everything you need to participate in the contest.

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CONTEST OVERVIEW

The Winter Holiday Card Visual Arts Contest was created in 2024, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education (OAAE), to support more students and public schools in Oklahoma. This contest recognizes talented students from Pre-K to 12th grade while providing support to Art Teachers and Art Programs across the state!

Students are invited to create a winter/holiday design, and the winning design from each grade group is turned into holiday cards for the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. The winning students receive prizes, and the 1st place winner's school's Art Program/Teacher also receives a cash prize!

The contest is open to all public schools in Oklahoma. Students from Pre-K to 12th grade may participate. The students are divided into 5 grade groups:

- 1. Elementary I (Pre-K – 2nd)*
- 2. Elementary II (3rd – 5th)*
- 3. Middle School (6th-8th)*
- 4. High School (9th – 11th)*
- 5. High School Seniors (12th)*

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DESIGN CRITERIA

- Theme: The card design should reflect a winter holiday or winter seasonal theme.
- Aesthetic Appeal: The artwork should be visually engaging, with thoughtful use of color, composition, and design.
- Medium: 2-dimensional work or 3-dimensional artwork that when photographed or scanned will print well on a flat card. For example, digital art, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, pen and ink, etc.
- Originality: Designs must be original and created by the participant.
- Size: Design should fit inside a 5x7 inches or 7x5 inches box in order to fit on a card.
- Text: If the card includes text, it should be legible and harmoniously integrated into the design. Ensure proper spelling and grammar.
- Appropriateness: The content should be respectful and suitable for all audiences.
- Message: The card should convey a holiday greeting or sentiment. This could be through imagery, a brief message, or both.

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JUDGING CRITERIA

- Creativity: Originality of the design.
- Relevance: Artwork aligns with the winter holiday or winter seasonal theme.
- Technical Skill: Craftsmanship, use of materials, reproducibility.
- Overall Impact: Appeal of the card as a holiday greeting.

SAMPLE SCORING RUBRIC

Holiday Artwork Rubric		Student Name:		Grade category:	
Cr iteria	<u>Excellent (21-25 points)</u>	<u>Good (16-20 points)</u>	<u>Fair (11-15 points)</u>	<u>Needs Improvement (0-10 point)</u>	Numerical Scores:
Creativity	Artwork demonstrates exceptional originality and imaginative use of the holiday theme.	Artwork shows some originality and thoughtful interpretation of the holiday theme.	Artwork demonstrates limited creativity and a basic understanding of the holiday theme.	Artwork lacks originality and does not effectively represent the holiday theme.	
Relevance and Theme Adherence	Artwork closely follows the assigned holiday theme and enhances the message.	Artwork generally follows the holiday theme, with some connection to the intended message.	Artwork loosely connects to the holiday theme but lacks focus.	Artwork does not represent the holiday theme or is completely off-topic.	
Technical skill	Mastery of various artistic techniques. Skillful use of materials and tools is evident.	Good use of techniques; shows competence in using materials, with minor errors.	Basic use of techniques; some areas of struggle with materials or execution.	Little understanding of techniques; artwork is poorly executed and lacks skill.	
Overall impact	Artwork is meticulously presented and demonstrates great attention to detail.	Artwork is well presented with minor flaws in detail or finish.	Artwork is somewhat poorly presented and lacks attention to detail.	Artwork is poorly presented; lacks effort in finishing or is not tidy.	
Comments, if desir ed:		Total Points of 100 possible:			0

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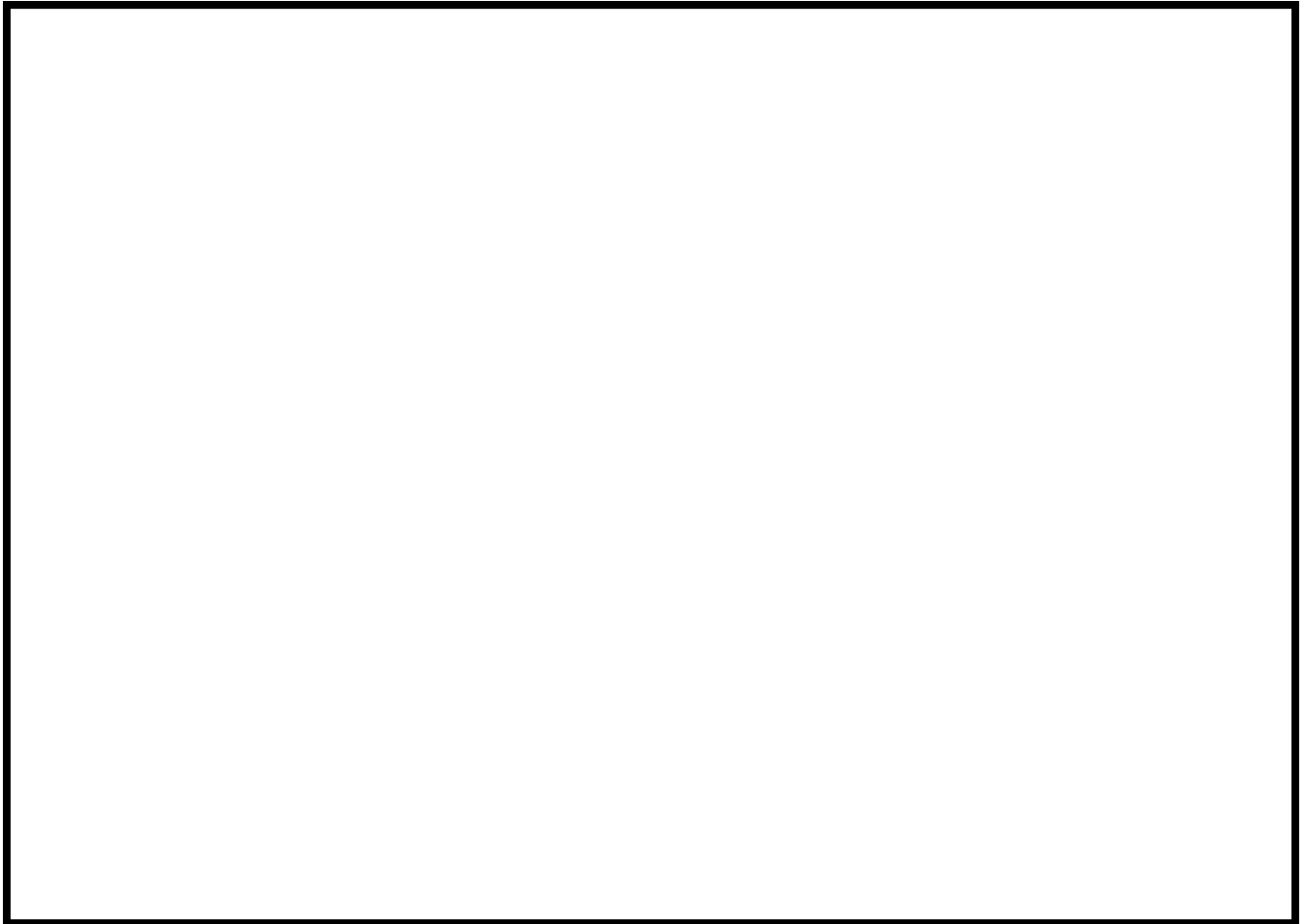
CONTEST DESIGN TEMPLATE

You can create your design in the template below!

TEACHER'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

STUDENT'S GRADE: _____

A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for the student to create their design for the winter holiday card.

***PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION ABOVE &
INCLUDE WITH YOUR OFFICIAL SUBMISSION!***

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SUBMISSION FORM AND DETAILS

THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR DESIGNS

- **Via the online form**
 - Scan the QR Code below or visit...
<https://mcfok.wufoo.com/forms/winter-holiday-card-visual-arts-contest/>
- **Emailing information@mcfok.org**
 - Make sure the design lists the student's name, grade, and teacher's email
- **Texting 405-348-7500**
 - Make sure the design lists the student's name, grade, and teacher's email

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TO GET THE FORM**



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Prize Breakdown

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Winning students received a certificate and the following cash prizes:

1st Place: \$2000 2nd Place: \$1500 3rd Place: \$1000 4th Place: \$750

1st place winner's Art Teacher also received \$2000!

FOR 9TH - 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

Winning students received a certificate and the following cash prizes:

1st Place: \$750 2nd Place: \$650 3rd Place: \$575 4th Place: \$500

1st place winner's Art Teacher also received \$750!

FOR 6TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Winning students received a certificate and the following cash prizes:

1st Place: \$100 Food Gift Card

2nd Place: \$75 Food Gift Card

3rd Place: \$50 Food Gift Card

4th Place: \$25 Food Gift Card

1st place winner's Art Teacher also received \$500!

FOR 3RD - 5TH GRADE STUDENTS

Winning students received a certificate and the following cash prizes:

1st Place: \$40 Food Gift Card

2nd Place: \$35 Food Gift Card

3rd Place: \$30 Food Gift Card

4th Place: \$25 Food Gift Card

*1st place winner's Art Program
also received \$500!*

*1st place winner's class also
received a food party!*

FOR PRE-K - 2ND GRADE STUDENTS

Winning students received a certificate and the following cash prizes:

1st Place: \$40 Food Gift Card

2nd Place: \$35 Food Gift Card

3rd Place: \$30 Food Gift Card

4th Place: \$25 Food Gift Card

*1st place winner's Art
Program also received \$500!*

*1st place winner's class also
received a food party!*



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2025-2026 Winning Designs:





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2024-2025 Winning Designs:



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— FOR STUDENTS IN PRE-K TO 12TH GRADE —

The Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma is excited to support Public Schools in Oklahoma with our Winter Holiday Card Visual Arts Contest. This contest will recognize talented students of all ages while providing support to Art Teachers and Art Programs across the state!

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO 5 GRADE GROUPS:

Pre-K - 2nd 3rd - 5th 6th - 8th 9th - 11th Seniors (12th)

1st - 4th place in each group will receive a certificate and prize.

1st place winner's Art Program or Teacher will also receive a cash prize!

1st place in each grade group will have their design printed and used by the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma as their Winter Holiday cards in 2026!

DESIGN CRITERIA:

- **Theme:** The card design should reflect a winter holiday or winter seasonal theme and convey a holiday greeting or sentiment. This could be through imagery, a brief message, or both.
- **Medium:** 2-dimensional work or 3-dimensional artwork that when photographed or scanned will print well on a flat card. For example, digital art, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, pen and ink, etc.
- **Appropriateness:** The content should be respectful and suitable for all audiences.
- **Size:** Design should fit inside a 5x7 inches or 7x5 inches box in order to fit on a card.

CONTEST DETAILS:

- Any Oklahoma public school student is eligible and may submit one entry.
- Submissions will be digitally accepted from October 1, 2026 thru January 31, 2027.
- Designs must be submitted in .PDF, .JPEG, or .PNG format.
- Entries become the property of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma.

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