

## Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Youth Art Contest and Guidelines

### **Subject Matter:**

Original art depicting cattle, horses or the ranching way of life are suitable.

### **Mediums:**

Any media may be used, provided the piece is flat (no more than 2 inches in depth). Pencil (graphite or colored), air brush, graphite, charcoal, ink, crayon, pastel, marker, and paints (watercolor, oil, acrylic, tempera, etc.) art created by using printmaking techniques, mosaics, and mixed media are all acceptable including glue, glitter, collage, sand, yarn, or other materials.

### **Age Categories:**

This art contest is open to youth in the following age categories. Age as of June 1, 2023.

- Age 5 – 8
- Age 9 – 13
- Age 14 – 18

### **Guidelines:**

*By submitting an entry, contestant accepts and agrees to comply with these rules.*

- All contestants must be a member of OCA (either a student member, child or grandchild of a member or whose parents are employed by an OCA member). Proof of membership must be submitted with entry, such as active membership #.
- Entries should be no larger than 11" x 14".
- You may use poster board, mat board, drawing paper, construction paper or fine art papers.
- Artwork must have been created during the last 12 months.
- The design must be 100% your own work, no tracing and no copyrighted images may be used in any way.
- You may submit up to three (3) entries. Only one entry per contestant will be awarded a prize.
- A separate entry form must be attached to the back of each submission stating the contestant's name, age division, and a title describing the entry.
- If an entry is selected as a winner, contestant must relinquish all claims to all copyrights, royalties and other benefits derived from the sale or reproduction of this work, other than the prize awarded to the winning entry.
- OCA is not responsible for damage to entries during shipping. We suggest you package entries with bubble wrap or cardboard. Be sure to mark packages with "Do Not Bend".
- OCA reserves the right to refuse inappropriate or unsuitable entries.

## **Judging**

- Entries will be judged based on originality, suitability, and interpretation of subject matter, creative technique, composition, and overall visual appeal.
- An anonymous panel will judge entries prior to arrival at Convention and only the people's choice award will be judged at convention by popular vote.
- All judgments are final, and interpretations of the guidelines are at OCA's sole discretion.

## **Awards**

The top two individuals in each age category will an award. Award winners will be notified prior to the OCA Convention and will be recognized during the Opening Session at the OCA Convention. Winning essays may also be published in *The Oklahoma Cowman* magazine.

## **People's Choice Award**

Artwork will be displayed for review by attendees during the OCA Convention. Selection of the winning entry for the People's Choice award shall be determined by popular vote, with the award given to the entry with the greatest number of votes received. The People's Choice Award winners will be recognized during the Closing Session at the OCA Convention.

The People's Choice Winner for each contest will receive an additional \$50 prize and coverage in our post-convention issue of *The Oklahoma Cowman* magazine. There will only be one People's Choice Winner for each contest selected from all ages combined.

## **Deadline**

All entries must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2023. Late entries will not be accepted. Mail entries with entry form to:

OCA Art Contest  
PO Box 82395  
Oklahoma City, OK 73178

*Questions regarding the OCA Art Contest may be directed to [cmcneff@okcattlemen.org](mailto:cmcneff@okcattlemen.org) or 405.613.0239*

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**Youth Art Contest Entry Form**

**Attach a separate entry form to each submission.**

Name of Artist/Contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number (see qualifying membership types listed in guidelines): \_\_\_\_\_

(or include membership form and payment with entry)

Age as of July 1, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: (circle one) Ages 5-8 | Ages 9-13 | Ages 14-18

Parent or Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

**Original Work by Youth Contestant**

The artwork, in its entirety, must be a single work of original material created by the youth contestant. By entering the Contest, entrant represents, acknowledges, and warrants that the submitted artwork is an original work created solely by the entrant, not an adult, that the artwork does not infringe on the copyrights, trademarks, moral rights, rights of privacy/publicity or intellectual property rights of any person or entity, and that no other party has any right, title, claim or interest in the artwork. **Deadline** All entries must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2023. Late entries will not be accepted. Mail artwork with entry form to: OCA Art Contest, PO Box 82395, Oklahoma City, OK 73178

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent /Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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