



19th Annual Wells Fargo Student Art Contest Rules & Guidelines

The Wells Fargo Student Art Contest is open to students in grades K-12 attending public, private or home schools within a 50-mile radius of downtown Houston.

Theme: Culinary Art

For the last 50 years, Society for the Performing Arts has celebrated our great city, a melting pot of international cultures and ethnicities, by bringing the world's best right here to Houston. That incredible diversity is represented nowhere better than in Houston's own culinary scene.

Inspired by the artistic, cultural and culinary diversity of the city of Houston, the 19th Annual Wells Fargo Student Art Contest, *Culinary Art*, encourages students to cook up an artistic composition that answers the question, *How does Houston taste to you?*

Awards and Divisions

Students compete in five divisions for cash and prize awards:

Division PK: Pre-Kindergarten

Division C: Grades 6-8

Division A: Grades K-2

Division D: Grades 9-11

Division B: Grades 3-5

Division E: Grade 12

Winning artists, along with their families and teachers, will be invited to an awards ceremony to celebrate on April 29, 2017.

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged on interpretation of theme, creativity and originality, and quality. Specifically, judges will consider the following:

- Does the artwork relate to the contest's theme? Does the artist convey the theme clearly?
- Is the theme presented in a unique way? Is it original?
- Does the artwork provide evidence of creativity and individuality? Is the result distinctive? Does it leave an impression?
- Did the artist effectively compose and organize the elements and principles of art? Is the artwork aesthetically pleasing?
- Does the artwork show evidence of a mastery of the tools and techniques utilized? Are the use of tools and techniques well executed?

Entry Guidelines

- Students in grades PK-12 attending any public, private, charter, or home school within a 50-mile radius of Society for the Performing Arts' offices (77002) are eligible to enter.
- Artwork of any medium is accepted.
- Artwork must be completed within the 2016-2017 school year.
- Artwork can be of any shape or size but must fit within a 20" x 20" square and cannot exceed 1" in thickness. (Artwork may be smaller than 20" x 20".)
- Artwork must be completely dry/cured. Chalk and pastel submissions must be sprayed with fixative.

- Artwork must be unsigned.
- Artists may only submit one entry. Group art projects and collective efforts are not eligible.

Submitting Artwork

IMPORTANT: All contestants must complete and submit an **Artist Registration Form**. Additionally, a copy of the completed form should be securely affixed to the back of the artwork.

An **Inventory Sheet** must accompany all submissions.

Students entering artwork in Divisions C, D, and E have the option of submitting an artist statement, not to exceed 250 words. Artist statements are highly encouraged for entries in Divisions D and E.

Artwork with completed forms may be mailed in a large envelope/portfolio or delivered in person (Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM) to:

*Society for the Performing Arts
Attn: Education Department
Jesse H. Jones Hall
615 Louisiana, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77002*

Or, artwork with completed forms can be submitted via curbside drop-off at Houston satellite locations (see below) or Jones Hall during the following dates/times:

Monday March 6, 2017	Starbucks (Memorial area) 11611 Katy Fwy, Houston, TX 77079	6:30 AM - 8:30 AM
Monday March 6, 2017	Starbucks (Aldine area) 10755 N Fwy Service Rd, Houston, TX 77037	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 7, 2017	Starbucks (Clear Lake area) 515 Bay Area Blvd, Houston, TX 77058	4:30 - 6:00 PM
Friday, March 10, 2017	Jones Hall (downtown) 615 Louisiana St, Houston, TX 77002	4:00 - 7:00 PM

A self-addressed, postage paid box or large envelope may be included with submissions; SPA staff will mail artwork back to the addressee at the end of the contest.

Important Dates

Art Contest Teacher Workshop at Glassell Junior School	October 17, 2016	Time TBD
Art Contest Teacher Workshop at Aldine ISD Resource Center	January 25, 2017	Time TBD
Curbside Artwork Drop-Off at Various Locations (see above)	March 6 - 7, 2017	see above
Curbside Artwork Drop-Off at Jones Hall	March 10, 2017	4:00 - 7:00 PM
Final Deadline for Submissions	March 10, 2017	7:00 PM
Awards Ceremony at Episcopal High School	April 29, 2017	Time TBA
Student Art Exhibit at Glassell Junior School	Dates TBA	
Student Art Exhibit at IKEA Houston	Dates TBA	

Pick-up Non-winning Artwork	April 3 - April 21, 2017	
Final Day to Pick-up Non-winning Artwork	April 21, 2017	5:00 PM

Questions? Contact SPA's Education Department!
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