



Tucson Birthday Art Contest 2026

Create an original artwork inspired by Tucson.
Prizes for top entries in each age group.
Students ages 5-17 only



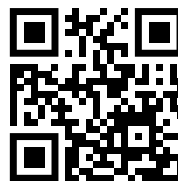
*2025 Tucson Birthday Grand Prize
Winner: Elizabeth Luxbacher*

Submission Deadline:

- **Friday, July 17, 2026, by 2:30 p.m.**
- Submit by mail (in a flat envelope) or drop off in person
- Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (closed on federal holidays)

Mailing Address:

Postal History Foundation
Attn: Contest-Education
920 N 1st Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85719



Scan for complete contest rules and downloadable entry forms.



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May 7, 2026

Dear Teachers, Parents, and Educators,

We are excited to announce the return of our Tucson Birthday Art Contest for 2026!

Students are invited to create an original artwork inspired by Tucson, including its history, culture, landscapes, or community. Continuing our tradition, the grand prize-winning design will be featured on a postcard, and additional winning designs will be used as cachets on commemorative envelopes.

Our contest has long celebrated creativity while highlighting Tucson's rich story through art and postal history. We are proud to continue this tradition and to provide students with a unique opportunity to have their work shared with the community in a meaningful and lasting way.

Please review the attached contest information and rules for full details. Entries will be divided into three age groups, and all finalists, along with their families, will be invited to an awards ceremony at the Postal History Foundation on Thursday, August 20, 2026.

We encourage you to share this opportunity with fellow teachers, art instructors, librarians, and families. Feel free to distribute copies and help us spread the word.

We look forward to celebrating Tucson through the creativity and talent of our students!

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Tucson Birthday Art Contest 2026 - Official Rules

1. Students ages 5-17 in Tucson and the surrounding areas may download the entry form from our website. The form must be completed and signed by both the student and a parent/guardian. It must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper along with the artwork.
2. Artwork must be created on a plain **white 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper** (standard letter size). Designs should reflect an aspect of Tucson's history, environment, culture, and/or community.
3. **DO NOT include words, numbers, or your name within the design.** If selected as a winner, identifying information will be added separately. **DO NOT include names of specific locations in or around Tucson in your artwork.**
4. Lightly write your name and age on the back edge of the paper. **DO NOT fold the paper.**
5. Artwork may be created in either horizontal or vertical orientation.
6. All artwork must be original and created by the entrant. Submissions must:
 - Not be previously copyrighted or owned by another individual or company
 - Be flat (no 3D elements)
 - Fill the entire sheet of paper
 - Not include photographs, digital artwork, or computer-generated images
7. All entries become the property of the Postal History Foundation (PHF). By entering, participants agree:
 - To allow PHF to use their name and artwork for publicity, website, and exhibits
 - That no compensation will be provided for use of submitted designs or photographs
 - To transfer all copyrights of the submitted artwork to PHF for exclusive use in marketing, education, and promotional materials
8. Entries and completed forms must be received by **2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026**
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Limit: one entry per person.
9. Entries will be judged by age category. First through third place winners will receive ribbons and a variety of prizes. Prizes are awarded "as is." Any unclaimed or undeliverable prizes may be forfeited or awarded to an alternate winner.
10. The "Tucson Birthday Party" awards ceremony date and time will be announced. Winning designs will be unveiled at that time. Students attending public or private schools will receive excuse letters for their absence.
11. Winning designs will be displayed at PHF for one year. After that time, artwork will be returned to the student.
12. Winners will be notified by phone and letter in early August.
13. **Winners are expected to attend the awards ceremony Thursday August 20th, 2026 to claim their prizes.** The event is intended to celebrate the young artists. Siblings may attend with parents.
14. The Postal History Foundation reserves the right to modify these rules or cancel the contest at its discretion.



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Tucson Birthday Art Contest 2026 - Entry Form

Tucson and surrounding area students only. One entry per person. PLEASE PRINT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____ Teacher: _____

Deadline For Entries: 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2026

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and accept the contest rules. All entries become the property of the Postal History Foundation (PHF). We consent to PHF using names, photographs of contestants, and artwork for publicity, its website, and exhibits. Entrants and their families will not receive compensation for the use of submitted designs or photographs of the artist.

By submitting an entry, the entrant agrees to transfer all rights of their artwork to PHF. PHF may use the artwork for marketing, educational, and publicity purposes.

Limitation of Liability: Participants agree to hold harmless the Postal History Foundation and its representatives, officers, directors, and employees from any injuries, losses, damages, claims, actions, or liabilities of any kind resulting from participation in this contest.

Winners from each of the three age groups will receive their prizes on **August 20, 2026**, at the Postal History Foundation during the awards ceremony.

Student and Parent/Guardian signatures are required for entry.

 Student Signature Date

 Parent/Guardian/Name (Print)

 Parent/Guardian/Signature Date

Age Group: Check the age group you belong to as of July 17, 2026

- Youth 5–8
- Youth 9–12
- Youth 13–17