



Holiday Art Contest

Columbus Main Street is hosting the second annual Holiday Art Contest for children of Lowndes County, Mississippi.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category of the art contest will act as Junior Marshals of the Columbus Christmas parade being held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00p.m., will get to ride in a special train float in the parade and received a cash prize. Winning artwork and artist will also be featured in local media.

The theme of the 2018 Christmas Parade is:

“Sounds of the Season!”

This year's theme is Sounds of the Season, those all too familiar songs and sounds we recognize to mean that Christmas is near! Whether it be Christmas bells, carolers or the squeals of happiness on Christmas morning, we want to see what the Sounds of the Season are for you. We look forward to seeing all of the artists' interpretation of Sounds of the Season!

For more information contact the Columbus Main Street Office at 662.328.6305.

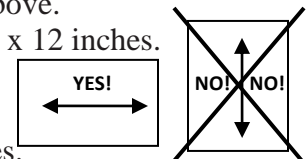
2018 Holiday Art Contest Official Rules

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ENTRIES: 5 p.m. CST on Friday, November 9, 2018. Eligibility is limited. See restrictions below. The sponsor of this contest is Columbus Main Street.

TO ENTER: Eligible students may enter by submitting one original piece of holiday artwork along with a properly completed entry form before the entry deadline to: Holiday Art Contest, Columbus Main Street, 107 5th Street North, Columbus, MS 39701. Entries may be mailed to PO Box 1062, Columbus, MS 39703 or may be hand-delivered to the Columbus Main Street's main lobby. Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, incomplete, damaged, illegible, misdirected or incomplete entries. Entry forms are available in the Columbus Main Street office at 107 5th Street North, Columbus, MS 39701, on the Main Street Columbus Facebook page or by calling 662.328.6305 for email or fax. Entry forms may be photocopied. Entry forms should NOT be permanently affixed to the artwork.

All artwork submitted must meet the following requirements or will not be judged:

1. All artwork must reflect the given theme of the Christmas Parade stated above.
2. Art must be on white or similar light-colored paper that is no larger than 9 x 12 inches.
3. Art must be in crayon, paint, pencil, ink, felt-tip pen or charcoal.
4. All artwork must be oriented in LANDSCAPE format (see illustration).
5. Submissions may be matted but mats may not be larger than 12 x 16 inches.
6. Properly completed entry forms (provided), must be submitted with artwork. **DO NOT AFFIX ENTRY FROM TO ARTWORK.** Submitted Artwork will be assigned an entry number which will be noted on the artwork and the entry form. *Please do not write contact information directly on back of artwork.*
7. The name of the school or student may not appear on the front of the artwork.



8. A parent or legal guardian of each submission must sign the affidavit of eligibility and release included on the entry form with the artwork. Failure to sign the affidavit will result in disqualification and non-publication of the artwork.
9. Judges reserve the right to disqualify any entry that does not follow these procedures.
10. Judges' decisions are final.
11. Sponsor will not accept for judging any photographs, computer-generated art, three-dimensional objects such as mobiles or sculptures, artwork with cotton, glitter or other materials affixed, or any other artwork that does not meet the requirements set forth above.

Winning artwork will be retained by Columbus Main Street for future use and returned to the artist following that usage. All other artwork can be picked during regular office hours between December 5 – 14, 2018, at the Main Street Office. After this date, artwork will become property of Main Street Columbus. Teachers may mail their entries in bulk and efforts will be made to keep those bulk entries together for easy pickup. Please complete entry forms for each entry. Columbus Main Street is not responsible for damage to artwork that may occur during the judging process or in the process of returning the artwork. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, entries become property of Columbus Main Street and will not be returned. By entering, contestants warrant that the artwork submitted is original and does not infringe the rights of any other person; contestants also consent to publication of the submitted artwork if it is selected as a winning entry.

JUDGING: All entries will be judged by a panel who will apply the following criteria: (1) interpretation of the holiday theme; and, (2) artistic skill exhibited. Three winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) will be chosen in each of the following three categories: (1) Kindergarten and Grade 1; (2) Grades 2 and 3; (3) Grades 4 and 5. Judging will be complete by Wednesday, November 21st. The decisions of the judges are final.

WINNING ENTRIES: Three winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) from each category will be honored as Junior Marshals for the Columbus Christmas Parade being held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Winners will ride in a special train float in the parade. First Place Winners in each category will receive a cash prize of \$75. Second Place Winners in each category will receive a cash prize of \$50 and Third Place winners will receive a prize of \$25. The three top winning entries and any such entries that are deemed "Honorable Mentions" by the judges in each category will be published and/or aired in the local media. Winners will be notified by phone within 5 business days of completion of judging.

ELIGIBILITY: This contest is open to children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 who attend public, private, parochial or home schools in Lowndes County, Mississippi. Children who attend other grades than those listed or who attend a school outside one of the listed counties are not eligible. The children of Columbus Main Street employees are not eligible. Winners agree to allow the use of their name, voice, photograph, likeness and any information provided on the entry form, in any medium of communication, including print, video, Internet, radio and/or television and for any purpose, including advertising, promotional or other purposes by the sponsor and each of its affiliates, without further compensation.

MISCELLANEOUS: Entrants agree to be bound by these rules. Columbus Main Street is entitled to interpret these rules as needed and its decisions are final. Names of winners will be published along with their winning artwork.