

2009 Christmas Banner Art Contest



The Arts Council of Greater Kingsport and the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Kingsport are making a CALL FOR ENTRIES for the 1st Annual Holiday Banner Art Contest. This is a wonderful opportunity for local youth to share their artistic talents and win cash, prizes and citywide recognition! The winning entries will be converted into banners for placement on downtown Kingsport's streetlight poles and/or holiday yard flags.

"THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD: CHRISTMAS IN KINGSPORT"

CALL FOR ARTISTS' ENTRIES!

What is the theme of the art contest?

The theme is "Through the Eyes of a Child: Christmas in Kingsport". Each entry must use this theme. Artists should strive to capture their favorite parts of the fun, color and festive spirit of Christmas in Kingsport.

Who is eligible to enter?

The contest is open to all students in grades 4-12, who are enrolled in a public, parochial, private or home school that has a Kingsport mailing address. Artists may only submit ONE entry.

What are the categories?

1. Students in grades 4 and 5 are judged in the Elementary School Category.
2. Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 are judged in the Middle School Category.
3. Students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 are judged in the High School Category.

When is the entry deadline? Where should entries be mailed or taken?

All entries must be received in the office of the Arts Council of Greater Kingsport by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. **Hand deliver** or **mail** entries to 1200 East Center Street, Suite 216, Kingsport, TN 37660 (Kingsport Renaissance Center).

If a student wins, how will notification be handled? When will the prizes be presented?

The ACGK will notify winners. No notification will be given to non-winners. There will be a presentation of prizes to the winners at the Junior League Holiday Market on Saturday, October 10, 2009. A display of the winning entries, along with honorable mention pieces will be on display during the Holiday Market beginning Friday, October 9 through Sunday, October 11, 2009. This display will then be moved to different locations within the city of Kingsport for viewing throughout the holidays.

What are the prizes?

In addition to being featured in locations in downtown Kingsport and at the Junior League Holiday Market, there will be a total of \$700 in cash prizes. The entry selected as the Overall Winner will receive \$150 and will be the featured banner in downtown Kingsport. The winner in each category will receive \$75 and will be featured on yard flags that will be sold as a fundraiser through ACGK to advance the arts for area youth. Second place will receive \$50 and Third place receives \$25. Placement Ribbons will be given in each category. A cash prize of \$250 will go to the school or organization of the Overall Winner.

For more information and entry applications visit our website:

www.kingsportARTS.org
or call:
423-392-8421 or
423.392.8416

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: SEPT. 8, 2009

WHAT ARE THE RULES AND WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

The rules are extremely important! *Any piece of art that breaks one or more rules will be disqualified. Do not enter any piece of art that does not conform to the rules.* The rules have been developed to meet the technical requirements for reproduction on banners and to conform to the spirit of inclusion and cooperation of the holiday season.

- The artwork must be vertical. **Horizontal designs will be disqualified.** The size of each piece of art must be 8.5" high and 11" wide. It cannot be smaller or larger. No folding, bending or covers will be allowed.
- No lettering, words or numbering will be allowed. Lettering, words or numbering will mean automatic disqualification. (This includes the artist's signature

and the words CHRISTMAS / KINGSPORT, etc.

- No images done on a computer will be accepted.
- Do not mount or mat the artwork. All artwork that is mounted or matted will be disqualified.
- Do not use materials that will flake or fall off easily with handling.
- Three-dimensional techniques (such as collage) *will not* be accepted. Do not use such materials as colored tissue, construction paper, fabric, glitter, sequins, confetti, etc. to create a design. Any artwork that uses materials that are normally attached with glue or paste (or sewn on) will be disqualified.

- Entry Forms must be completely and legibly filled out (please print or type) and securely attached to the back of the artwork. See instructions below.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student.
- Artwork that has been submitted to other contests or that has been published elsewhere is not eligible for entry.
- All entries become the property of the Cultural Arts Division, City of Kingsport. After the contest, all winning and non-winning entries could be displayed at a variety of locations in Kingsport. Therefore it is highly suggested that you scan the original artwork prior to submission.

WHAT TYPES OF MATERIAL CAN I USE?

We encourage students to use any of the following materials in creating their artwork: Tempera or poster paint, felt-tip markers, oil pastel sticks, pastel chalk, acrylic paint, crayons, colored inks, watercolors and finger-paints. **No oils please.** We encourage students to do their

artwork on such surfaces as standard, flexible poster board, heavy drawing paper, or other sturdy types of paper. **No stiff, inflexible bristol or crescent board please.** We are discouraging the use of lightweight paper (such as bond paper, typing paper and notebook

paper) that will wrinkle and buckle easily with a wet medium such as tempera paint.

CONTEST ENTRY FORM: MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

School/Organization Name: _____

School/Organization Address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ School/Organization Phone Number: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Teacher's E-mail: _____

School /Organization Website: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please complete all information. Mail or deliver your completed entry form and artwork to:

(Kingsport Renaissance Center)
 Arts Council of Greater Kingsport
 1200 East Center Street
 Suite 216
 Kingsport, TN 37660

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 3:00 p.m., Sept. 8, 2009**