2018 Western Art Contest

Presented by the National Ranching Heritage Center & Lubbock County Junior Livestock Show Association

OFFICIAL RULES

National Ranching Heritage Center and Lubbock County Junior Livestock Show Association Western Art Contest, with its home office located at 3121 4th Street, Lubbock, Texas, are nonprofit corporations organized and existing under the laws of Texas (hereinafter referred to as “NRHC” and “LCJLS”).

DEFINITIONS: The following terms shall have the following meanings within these Official Rules. Any other specific terms will be defined within the text of Entry Form, Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement.

NRHC – National Ranching Heritage Center
LCJLS – Lubbock County Junior Livestock Show
Art Entry – Means the Illustration of a two-dimensional work of art submitted to the Art Contest.
Exhibitor – Means the artist of the Art Entry submitted in the Art Contest.

IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Art Entry Deadline: 5:00 p.m., Friday December, 15, 2017. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

ANY ART ENTRY RECEIVED AFTER FRIDAY, December 15, 2017 WILL BE CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE FOR SUBMISSION.

Art Entry Drop Off: Art Entries with Entry Form, Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement should be brought to the NRHC office during regular office hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The NRHC is located at 3121 4th Street in Lubbock. Mailed Entries Should Be Sent To: National Ranching Heritage Center, c/o Western Art Contest, 3121 4th Street, Box 43200, Lubbock, Texas 79409. MAILED ART ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY Friday, December 15, 2017. NO EXCEPTIONS. Any Art Entry received after deadline will be considered ineligible for submission.

Awards Ceremony: Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 1pm in the Anderson Room at the National Ranching Heritage Center.

Champion and Reserve Champion are invited and recognized at the Lubbock County Junior Livestock Show Auction- Date and time TBA.

NEW THIS YEAR: Art teachers submitting entries are limited to 5 entries per class. For example, if you teach 4 sections of art class, the maximum number of entries you can submit is 20.
SPECIAL RULES, GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS OF ART ENTRIES

READ CAREFULLY. AN ART ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF IT DOES NOT ADHERE TO THE RULES AND GUIDELINES.

Authorship, Plagiarism, Infringement: The student and parent/legal guardian must sign the Entry Form, Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement wherein the Exhibitor and his or her parent/legal guardian make certain representations and warranties with respect to the Art Entry. All Art Entries must be executed solely by the Exhibitor submitting the Art Entry and be the original work of art of the Exhibitor. Parents/legal guardians, family members, friends and teachers must not assist in the execution of the Art Entry. By entering the Western Art Contest, each student undertakes to present original artwork that has been created by her or himself in its entirety. By way of example and not by limitation, the Art Entry (i) shall not be a reproduction of a third party’s work of art, (ii) shall not involve the usage of tracings or duplicating devices, (iii) shall not have been previously published, (iv) shall not have won a previous award, (v) shall not infringe upon the copyrights, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property rights or any personal or property rights of any third party, or (vi) shall not contain any trademarks, logos, or trade dress owned by third parties. If such student’s Art Entry incorporates published materials as a reference, the student should provide a copy of all such reference material along with his or her Art Entry.

Any legal issue related to copyright infringement or the violation or infringement of any other intellectual, personal or property right is the sole and exclusive responsibility of Exhibitor and his or her parent/legal guardian. NRHC will not be responsible for or liable for or involved in any such legal issues.

If a placing Art Entry is found to violate these Official Rules or otherwise be in breach of the representations and warranties in the Entry Form, Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement, any prizes that were awarded to the Exhibitor are forfeited, and if already received, shall be returned to NRHC. Likewise, any awards that have not yet been received will not be awarded.

Judging:
The following division will be judged: Two-Dimensional Division.

The Exhibitor’s Art Entry will be judged by a panel of art professionals. All Art Entries will be judged on artistic merit, creativity and their expression of the theme and subject matter. Under no conditions may parents/legal guardians or students contact the judges to dispute the status of an Art Entry. JUDGE’S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

Eligibility: Participation in the Art Contest is limited to Lubbock county students currently enrolled in a Public, Private, Charter or Home school in grades Kindergarten through 12. Exhibitors MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIVE (5) AND NINETEEN (19) as of January 1, 2018, and must have a valid social security number.

Ineligibility: Students currently enrolled in a college or university, students that do not reside in the State of Texas and students not currently enrolled in a Texas Public, Private, Charter or Home school program (grades Kindergarten through 12) are not eligible to enter the Art Contest.
**Art Entry:** The Exhibitor must have created the Art Entry during calendar year 2017 for entry in the 2018 Art Contest. Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) Art Entry. **Art teachers submitting entries are limited to 5 entries per class.** For example, if you teach 4 sections of art class, the maximum number of entries you can submit is 20. **DO NOT LAMINATE, USE ART SLEEVES, SHRINK-WRAP OR FRAME ART ENTRIES.** PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE THE ENTRY FORM TO TURN IN WITH ENTRY. **DO NOT ATTACH ENTRY FORM TO ARTWORK.** Use a permanent pen or marker and indicate on the back of the matting of each Art Entry the Exhibitor’s name, school, title of Art Entry piece and Exhibitor’s personal contact information so that pieces of the Art Entry can be identified in the event they become separated during transportation or display.

**Theme / Subject:** The theme and subject of Art Entries shall be Western Art that represents and/or expresses the spirit and semblance of the National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock County Junior Livestock Show and/or North American Western Culture.

**Labels:** A LABEL SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON THE FRONT SIDE OF THE ART ENTRY. NRHC will place a label on each Art Entry with the student’s name, age, grade and school to give a more unified look to the Art Contest displays. The Art Entry MUST have contact information ON THE BACK of the Art Entry.

**Size, Matting and Mounting:** Matting / mounting serves as a form of protection for the Art Entry during delivery and display, and is REQUIRED on all Art Entries except canvas.

a) **Size Requirements for all 2-D Division Art Entries:** All 2-D Division Art Entries must be at least 8.5 X 11 inches and NO LARGER THAN 24 X 30 inches in size. Art Entries not meeting size requirements will be disqualified and may not be displayed.

b) **Matting / Mounting Requirements for all 2-D Division Art Entries:** All 2-D Division Art Entries with the exception of canvas and canvas board are required to have a border 1½” to 2” in size (or matting if desired) and be mounted on illustration board or cardboard cut to the exact dimensions of the final Art Entry. (Final size with 2” border no larger than 24 X 30 total inches. (Canvas and canvas board are not required to be mounted or matted). 2-D Division Art Entries cannot be made on wood and cannot weigh more than two (2) pounds.

**MEDIA GUIDELINES**

Art Entries may be of the following media. Dry, unstable media such as pastels, charcoal or pencil that may rub off and be damaged or damage other works must be spray fixed. No conceptual drawings or photographs of the Art Entry will be accepted as an Art Entry.

a) Colored Drawing: Colored pencil, pastels, crayons, conte, chalks.

b) Mixed Media: Watercolor with pencil, pen and ink with watercolor or the use of any two (2) or more mediums.

c) Monochromatic Drawing: The use of one (1) color and variations of the same color on flatwork (i.e. pen and ink). Can be a lead pencil drawing, charcoal drawing or a drawing made with one (1) color pencil.

d) Painting: All mediums applied by brush, such as: oil, watercolor, ink washes, acrylics, tempera, designer colors, gouache, inks and dyes. Paint must be completely dry before submitting as an Art Entry.

e) Printmaking: Woodcut, engraving, etching mezzotint, aquatint, dry point or lithography.
DISPLAY; PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

All Art Entries will be judged prior to display. All Art Entries will be displayed at the National Ranching Heritage Center. As the sole and exclusive owner of all rights (including copyrights and any other intellectual property rights) in and to the Art Entries submitted to this Art Contest, NRHC may reproduce, publish, display and otherwise use Art Entries in any media and for any purpose, including, but not limited to, NRHC’s use in promotion of the Art Contest and/or the Lubbock County Junior Livestock Show. For more information regarding NRHC’s ownership rights, please see the provision in these Official Rules titled “Grant of Ownership in Art Entry to NRHC.”

AWARDS NOTIFICATION, PRESENTATION & RECOGNITION

Notification: Exhibitors of placing Art Entries will be notified by January 5, 2018 by email and/or telephone using the contact information indicated on the Entry Form, Release of Liability & Indemnity Agreement. Actual Art Entry placings will not be announced until the awards ceremony held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation Ceremony: All Exhibitors of placing Art Entries will receive an invitation to attend the awards ceremony held January 13, 2018 1:00 p.m.

Grand Champion: There will be one (1) overall Grand Champion for an individual Art Entry submission. The Grand Champion will receive $300 and banner.

Reserve Grand Champion: There will be one (1) overall Reserve Grand Champion for an individual Art Entry submission. The Reserve Grand Champion will receive $200 and banner.

Division Awards: The chart below identifies the awards to be awarded to those who have placed first through seventh in the corresponding divisions for the respective ages.

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Best of Show: An art entry from each participating school will be chosen as “Best of Show.” Entries selected will receive a certificate and small prize.
ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION & INFORMATION

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be recognized at the Lubbock County Junior Livestock Show Association Dinner and Auction. Artwork will be on display at the event.

All entries will be on display at the National Ranching Heritage Center, January 13 – 20. All exhibitors will receive a certificate of participation.

Thank You Notes:
All exhibitors of placing art entries are required to send a thank you note to the contest sponsors for any prizes received or awarded. Sponsor address and contact information will be supplied by NRHC.

Art Entry Pickup:
All art entries can be claimed in person at the NRHC during the week of January 22 – 26th between the hours of 8am and 5pm. Any art entry not claimed by January 26th at 5pm will become the property of NRHC and may be discarded. No art entry will be returned by mail.

For More Information:
Contact Julie Hodges or Shelby Schwartz at the NRHC 806-742-0498 or by email at julie.hodges@ttu.edu or shelby.schwartz@ttu.edu.