

NORTHWEST TERRITORY HISTORIC CENTER

2023 Local Kids Art Contest Submission Form



This winter the Northwest Territory Historic Center (NTHC) brings merriment to the Holiday Season with it's 2023 Holiday Local Kids Art Contest. Four age groups will be given the opportunity to have their art permanently displayed at NTHC and win the chance at some great prizes.

Ages 3-7 can choose from our custom coloring pages drawn by our very own Jenni Kenni. The page can be colored with any media as long as it does not alter or destroy the images or page present.

Ages 7-18 can submit their art from the following prompts;

- What does the holidays mean to you? This can be Christmas, Hanukkah, Yule, or any other holiday you and your family celebrates!
- How is President Ronald Reagan important to you? Do you agree with him or disagree?
- What does Dixon and the Sauk Valley mean to you or your family?
- What excites you about space and the concept of the universe?

Art will be judged on the following criteria;

- **Composition-** We will define this as how the art is perceived as an overall comprehensive piece.
- **Technique-** We will define this as the overall quality of the art.
- **Originality-** We will accept covers, remixes, and collages, but will score original pieces higher.
- **Spirit-** Does your art move us, and does it embody the prompts? Can we feel your intent in this piece?

We will accept the following types of art (no type provides any benefit over another) submissions;

- **Visual:** "traditional" art such as paintings drawings etc., graphic novels, photography, digital art (NO AI), collage, sculpture
- **Performative:** theatre, dance, music, film (recorded), poetry (written or spoken)
- **Interactive:** video game demos (downloadable and playable)

Art submissions will open **November 27th, 2023 and remain open until December 20th, 2023.** Submissions must be made in person along with the corresponding form, which can be found at NTHC.org or in person at our Museum. While you're here, why not tour through our FREE museum. We are located at 205 West 5th Street in Dixon, IL and open Monday-Friday 9 AM – 4 PM.

Submission on your first piece of art is FREE AND NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING. *Additional art may be submitted at a \$5 per piece charge to a maximum of 3 pieces, however this does not increase your chances of winning, just the amount of art that you may represent.* Judging of the art will occur by NTHC staff and family on the dates of Thursday December 21st through **Friday December 22nd where the winners will be announced via Facebook Friday Evening (so follow us!).** NTHC Director, Jake Wallin will then deliver the prizes evening of Saturday December 23rd, 2023. A first prize and runner-up prize will be given in each age category as well as displayed, 3rd through 5th will be displayed with honorable mentions.

The Age groups are as follows;

- Ages 3-7, Coloring Contest, coloring pages must be from NTHC. Any media is acceptable (crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint, watercolor etc.), 1st Prize: Audi TT Kids Car (manual and remote drive, black with horn, MP3 Music), Runner Up: \$50 Walmart Gift Card
- Ages 7-12, Submit Your Own via Prompt (see above), 1st Prize: Nintendo Switch (Blue/Red, non-OLED), Runner Up: \$100 Walmart Gift Card
- Ages 13-15, Submit Your Own via Prompt (see above), 1st Prize: Xbox Series S (White, 512GB), Runner Up: \$150 Amazon Gift Card
- Ages 16-18, Submit Your Own via Prompt (see above), 1st Prize: Sony PlayStation 5 (White, Disc Edition), Runner Up: \$200 Amazon Gift Card

Terms and Conditions.

- The contest is open to Dixon, Illinois residents or any resident within 15 miles of Dixon within the age ranges 3-18. Art must be generated by the individual alone, assistance that alters the final form of the art from parents or mentors is prohibited.
- By participating in the NTHC art contest you relinquish physical ownership of the artwork, and it may be used and displayed as the museum sees fit; with proper artistic credit being given. Non-placing artworks may be recovered (see below). Just as all original artworks should be; the artist retains all legal rights to their creation but grants NTHC the right to display and use the images for promotional purposes as well as ownership of the piece.
- NTHC employees and colleagues, immediate family members, and other peoples having a beneficial connection to NTHC or the Wymbs foundation are not eligible for participation in the contest.
- Submission of your first piece of art is FREE and does not require purchase to make you eligible for any prize, proper forms must be submitted with the artwork.
- Additional art may be submitted at a \$5 per piece charge to a maximum of 3 pieces, however this does not increase your chances of winning, just the amount of art that you may represent. This is not necessary and does not bar you from any prize tier.
- Children under the age of 16 must have their form filled out by a legal guardian.
- Any artwork submitted must be submitted physically, in-person with appropriate forms; digital or prerecorded art must be submitted via USB or similar physical media.
- Artworks will not be accepted unless in person.
- If suspicion arises you may be asked to verify your or your child’s age or be disqualified. Similarly, people caught cheating, or plagiarizing will be disqualified from the contest.
- We will not accept any art generated or assisted by artificial intelligence (AI). This includes digital toolsets used in Adobe and Procreate.
- A first prize and runner-up prize will be given in each age category as well as displayed, 3rd through 5th will be displayed with honorable mentions. Art may be retained and displayed by NTHC but may be requested back if the art did not “place”. You have from December 2023-February 2024 to request your art back if it did not place.
- Prizes will be given as is, with no substitution or cash value option. Reasonable attempts to deliver your prizes will be made, but may be foregone, if not claimed by January 2024.

I, _____, agree to the above listed terms and conditions laid out to me by NTHC.

Name of Contestant (Artist)	Age	Date of Submission
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Name of Parent (If applicable)	Address	Phone Number
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Signature of Artist	Number of Artworks submitted
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Signature of Parent or Guardian	email of contact
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Name of Artwork	Art Type (Sculpture, Film, etc.)	Medium (what was used)
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Notes or request about the artwork