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Judging Criteria Twin City Area Optimist Club Art Contest

Judging will be held at Elks Lodge 1721, 4 Elks Acres, Festus on November 23, 2025 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Six categories of art to be judged:

Category 1 Art: Ages 12-13

Category 2 Art: Ages 14-15

Category 3 Art: Ages 16-19

Category 4 Photography: Ages 12-19

Category 5 Digital Art: Ages 12-19

Category 6 Three-Dimensional Art: Ages 12-19

A team of two judges will judge each category. Each team of judges will award first, second, and third place ribbons as well as Judge's Choice and Honorable Mention ribbons. A Best of Show award also will be selected.

All art exhibited for the Optimist Art Contest is to be judged equally on originality, technique and to a lesser degree on presentation. For instance, on a scale of 1 to 10, originality may accrue 4 points, technique 4 points and presentation 2 points. Informal method, (discussion) may be used by the judges to agree upon this. A written score is not needed.

Students may submit artwork done during the previous year as long as it was not entered in 2024's Optimist Art Contest. Questions often arise concerning originality of work. We are aware that most students use photos from magazines, books etc. as a source of their work, and we feel at this early stage of their work, this is acceptable. Although judges are looking for the most original, creative and expressive work even if it began with photos. Please do NOT submit art copied from other artists' drawings, paintings etc. All photography and three-dimensional art must be the student's original work.