

# ART SURROUNDS US



## ART CONTEST

ANY ILLINOIS K-12 STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER  
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

FOR RULES AND INFORMATION VISIT:  
[bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest](http://bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest) OR [ISBE.net/artcontest](http://ISBE.net/artcontest)



Illinois  
State Board of  
Education



The 39th annual Illinois Arts Education Week is March 15-19, 2021. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) have collaborated to create more visibility for young Illinois artists and showcase their talent, as well as reinforcing the importance of the arts in the growth and development of our students.

**We're excited to announce the theme for 2021:**

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The contest includes four entry levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. A panel of judges selects a winner and three runners-up in each entry level. All winners and runners-up will have their work displayed by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. One student's work will be chosen by the judges as "Best in Show" and featured on a poster to celebrate the arts during Illinois Arts Education Week. The winner will also be recognized at an ISBE Board Meeting and their work will be framed and placed on display in the Board office.

### Mail entries to:

Arts Contest  
Student Care  
100 North First Street, E-222  
Springfield, IL 62777

*Please indicate number of entries sent with return address.*

### Questions

#### ALPLM

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### Contest Rules

- Your work must reflect or interpret the theme "Art Surrounds Us." You are not required to incorporate the words of the theme into the work, just the concept.
- Only Illinois students, in grades K-12 at a public, private, alternative, or home school may enter the contest.
- All art must be the student's original work and not include copyrighted images.
- Artwork must be 11" x 14" inches, 2-Dimensional, and flat (not folded). Folded entries will not be judged.
- Do not use glitter; entries that use glitter will not be accepted for judging.
- If you choose to use chalk or pencil, please make sure your work is able to be reproduced and encase it in a sleeve to prevent it from smearing when mailed.
- If you are entering photography or electronically created images, please submit a printed version for judging.
- If your artwork is abstract, please mark the TOP with an "X" on the back.
- A work that has been submitted to the contest in previous years may not be resubmitted.
- There is no limit on the number of entries per school; however, each student may only submit one entry.
- Please submit a hard copy (actual artwork or, for photography or digital works, a print) to the address provided. For original artwork to be returned after the contest, please also include a self-addressed envelope with the appropriate postage.
- You must fully complete and securely attach the Authorization Form on the back of your entry. If you are home schooled, please put "Home School" for your district and "N/A" for the principal.
- You must include a brief, written statement on the back of your entry that describes how the theme relates to your creation.
- All entries must be postmarked by Friday, February 12, 2021.

## 2021 Authorization Form

I hereby authorize the Illinois State Board of Education and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to use the artwork of the student named below for the 2021 Art Contest. I also affirm that this artwork is original and NOT taken from another source, in part or in whole.

Student name (please print)		Student age	Student grade level
Parent/Guardian name (please print)		Parent/Guardian signature	
Phone	Date	Student signature	
Home address		City/State/Zip/County	
School & District or Organization	School phone	Principal or Organization Representative	
Art teacher		Email of art teacher	