



## **Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Black History Month Art Contest 2026**

***“Celebrating Black History”***

### **Official Art Contest Rules and Guidelines Grades K-3**

Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Black History Month Art Contest is open to all K-3 students in Florida.

**Eligibility:** Each contestant must be a legal resident of Florida and attend any Florida school in grades K-3 (including public, charter, private, home or virtual) at the time of his/her entry.

**Entry Dates:** Entries must be mailed to Volunteer Florida, Black History Month Committee, 1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. **All entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, February 9, 2026.** Emailed or faxed entries will not be accepted. Contestants are responsible for all shipping costs.

**Entry Form:** Student must provide all required information requested on the entry form and entry form must be legible. The student and parent/legal guardian are required to read and understand these rules in order to submit the entry form in its entirety. The entry form includes a release and certification that must be signed by a parent or guardian.

**Create an art piece inspired by this year's theme,**

***“Celebrating Black History”***

**Artwork:** Student must submit original, two-dimensional artwork.

1. Student artwork must be original, created by only the student. Artwork may not be drawn from any existing artwork (photograph, advertisement, etc.) not created by the student.
2. Student artwork must measure 8½" by 11" and be created using any two-dimensional medium including:
  - a) drawing (pencil, ink, crayon, graphite, etc.)
  - b) painting (pastel, watercolor, spray paint, oils, etc.) Each student may enter only one submission to this contest.

**Labeling Requirements:** Each submission must have the entry form attached. A copy of the completed entry form must also be attached to the back of the artwork.

**Transfer of Rights:** Each applicant and his/her parent or guardian must agree to give all rights to the submitted artwork, including copyright, to the Executive Office of the Governor. This transfer of rights will allow the Executive Office of the Governor, at a minimum, to reproduce, distribute, and display your artwork. The winner's submission will be duplicated in various mediums and used to promote Black History Month throughout the state. This means that when you submit your artwork to participate in this contest, your artwork will become the property of the Executive Office of the Governor and will not be returned.

**Public Disclosure:** The Florida Public Records Act, located in Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, generally requires that all activities, including this contest, are open to the public. Therefore, all aspects of your involvement in this contest, including your artwork, will be subject to public disclosure.

Once the winners are announced, the decision is final.



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### Entry Form Grades K-3

<b>Student Name:</b>		
<b>Title of Entry:</b>		<b>Grade:</b>
<b>Home Mailing Address:</b>		<b>Age:</b>
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b> Florida	<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>Parent/Legal Guardian Name:</b>		
<b>Parent/Legal Guardian Cell Phone Number:</b> (including area code)		
<b>Parent/Legal Guardian E-Mail Address:</b>		
<b>School Name:</b>		<b>County:</b>
<b>School Mailing Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b> Florida	<b>Zip Code:</b>
<b>School Phone Number:</b> (including area code)		

#### Art Contest Checklist

- Artwork
- Completed, legible entry form
- Signed Parent/Legal Guardian Waiver
- Entries must be received by Volunteer Florida by **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday, February 9, 2026.**



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### **Parent/Legal Guardian Waiver Grades K-3**

#### ***Release Statement:***

As parent/legal guardian, I acknowledge that my child created the submitted artwork and has followed all contest guidelines and regulations. Should he or she win the art contest, I agree to allow the submitted art to be distributed publicly. I also understand that if it is discovered my child's artwork is not original, the artwork will be subject to disqualification.

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
**(Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian)**, hereby certify the following:

1. I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
**(print name of student, hereafter referred to as “my child”).**
2. My child is currently enrolled in a Florida elementary school (grades K-3, including public, charter, private, home or virtual) and is currently a legal resident of Florida.
3. I give permission for my child to enter his/her artwork in the 2026 Black History Month Art Contest.
4. I understand that all rights to the submitted artwork, including copyright, will be owned by the Executive Office of the Governor and not by me or my child. This transfer of rights will allow the Office, at a minimum, to reproduce, distribute and display the artwork as appropriate.
5. I give the Executive Office of the Governor permission to use my child's name, photograph, voice, video image, biographical information, and his/her artwork for promotional purposes in print, radio, television and Internet promotion, without compensation or prior notice.
6. I agree to release and hold harmless the Executive Office of the Governor and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents and advertising and promotional agencies from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions or losses of any kind resulting from my child's participation in this contest, including infringement of intellectual property rights. The Executive Office of the Governor and its employees, officers, affiliates, agents and advertising and promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of actions or losses of any kind arising in whole or in part from this contest.
7. I have read the official rules of this contest, and I further certify my child has followed these rules and is eligible to participate in this contest.

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**Parent/ Legal Guardian Signature**

**Date**