

## **Coventry Student Art Contest 2026: Rules**

These Coventry Student Art Contest Rules were developed by a Committee made up of members of the Coventry Public Library, the Town of Coventry, the Western Rhode Island Civic Historical Society & Paine House, the Coventry Historic Preservation Commission and the Nathanael Greene Homestead, in conjunction with the Coventry Public Schools and Coventry Parks and Recreation.

### **GENERAL CONTEST REQUIREMENTS**

- The student must be a resident of the Town of Coventry, Rhode Island.
- Only the student may work on their art submission.
- Art submissions must adhere to the Requirements and Guidelines listed below.
- Students and a parent/guardian will be required to sign an Artwork Submission Form when submitting their artwork.
- Artwork must be completed and submitted to the Coventry Public Library, 1672 Flat River Road, Coventry, R.I. between Monday, April 20 and Sunday, May 3, 2026 during the library's open hours:
  - Monday – Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Friday – Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Sunday, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### **JUDGING**

- Art work will be judged by a panel of jurors (panel) in 5 categories:
  - A: Kindergarten & Elementary K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
  - B: Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - C: Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - D: High School 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade
  - E: High School 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Additionally, the People's Choice award will be voted on by all art show attendees, and the winner will have their art work printed on a special edition library card that will be given out to patrons of the Coventry Public Library.

### **GENERAL ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS**

Artwork subject matter will adhere to the Historic Coventry theme.

Certain types, styles, and methods of artwork are not permitted in the competition. Artwork of these types will be disqualified:

- Jewelry (including necklaces, pendants, rings, and belt buckles)
- Wood burning
- Photographic or digital work
- Artwork created on glass, mirror, plastic, metal, or any reflective material
- Traced images
- Works incorporating artificial intelligence (AI).

The subject matter for all artwork must be “Historic Coventry” and related to the history of Coventry, R.I. from any time period. This theme is purposefully broad to encourage submissions on a wide range of topics such as local people, culture, buildings, industries, farming, logging, and landscapes.

Due to blind judging, artwork may NOT have any identifying information located anywhere on the artwork including the front, back, bottom, and sides. Identifying information includes student names, signatures, school names, etc. Students wishing to sign their artwork may do so AFTER the contest.

All artwork should have a title. Identifying information as mentioned above may not be included in the title.

All artwork must be dry.

Please do not frame your artwork. (Matting is allowed – see 2-Dimensional Guidelines below)

All artwork must be the student’s original composition and content and individual expression.

Trademarked logos, slogans and licensed characters, or characters that are strikingly similar to the licensed characters are not permitted in whole or in part. This also applies to the title of the artwork.

Disqualification decisions made by the Committee of the Art Contest are final.

**CONSENT:**

The student and parent/guardians understand that as a condition of participation in the Art Contest they are granting permission to display the student’s artwork in whole, in part or composite. The student and parent/guardian waive and release any and all rights to inspect/approve the final product and they release, discharge, and hold harmless the Art Contest, the Town of Coventry and the Committee from any liability by virtue of the use of the student’s artwork or images.

The Art Contest and the Committee are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage of artwork. Artwork will not be repaired.

**ARTWORK GUIDELINES**

Each student may submit **one** Two-Dimensional artwork **OR one** Three-Dimensional artwork.

**2-DIMENSIONAL GUIDELINES****Allowed Mediums/Materials**

- Pastels
- Acrylic Paint
- Ink
- Chalk
- Watercolor
- Markers
- Fabric
- Charcoal
- Oil Paint
- Pen
- Airbrush
- Pencil
- Crayon
- Dye

**Allowed Surfaces:**

- Stretched canvas

- Canvas boards
- Paper
- Artboards
- Masonite Boards
- Fabric

**Allowed sizes**

- Minimum Size 4" x 6" - horizontal or vertical
- Maximum Size: 20" x 24" – horizontal or vertical
- Please spray or seal any charcoal, pastel, or pencil drawings.

**If Artwork is submitted on paper, we encourage matting or mounting the piece to prevent sagging.**  
Mounting may be matt board, cardboard, foam core, poster board or similar product.

**3-DIMENSIONAL GUIDELINES**

**Sculpture Mediums**

- Forms created by hand using clay that has been fully dried
- Must be in one piece with no sharp edges or dangerous areas
- No offensive odors
- Needle craft or fiber arts allowed

**Allowed Sizes**

No bigger than 20 inches tall

No heavier than 10 pounds.

Free Standing

**CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS**

For questions about art submissions or the Contest rules, please contact the Reference Department at the Coventry Public Library at 401-822-9105 or email [askreference@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:askreference@coventrylibrary.org). You may also find more information online at <https://coventrylibrary.libcal.com/event/16138948>.