

2026 Contest Rules & Guidelines

Contest Deadlines:

- ·Contest opens September 22, 2025
- ·Artwork registration & drop-off deadline December 5, 2025

Artwork Rules:

- ·Theme: Western lifestyle
- ·Two-dimensional/flat, no larger than 16"x20"
- ·Every entry must be registered online and taped to back of artwork to qualify
- ·Contest is FREE to enter, and for Colorado students grades 1-12
- ·One piece of art per student may be submitted
- Entries must be registered & dropped off by December 5, 2025

Artwork Selection & Contest Awards:

- ·Entries to be judged by the NWSS Youth Art Judging Committee
- ·Winners will be selected and notified by December 19, 2025. Please note this date has been extended along with our entry deadline.
- ·Grand Champion, Reserve Champion and Honorable Mention art pieces will be displayed at the 2026 National Western Stock Show
- ·Grand & Reserve Champion artwork will be professionally framed by Abend Framing. All Grand Champions will receive a custom belt buckle compliments of Alpine Bank. Grand and Reserve Champions will be invited to join us at the Youth Art Ace Highs Mixer on January 11 to be recognized for their winning artwork.
- ·Each entry and each teacher will receive two grounds admission tickets for opening weekend of National Western Stock Show (January 10-11, 2026). Tickets will be mailed directly to schools.

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