

Official Rules

- The contest is open to all children living in Kansas in the following age divisions: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-13, 14-18 *(Age as of 9/1/25)*

- Contestants may submit only one entry of original, creative, unassisted artwork.

- **The 2026 Theme is "HERE COMES THE SUN"**. Anything that has to do with the sun, or is inspired by the sun. (Example: a sculpture of a sun, or a painting of a sunset.) Please explain how your piece is 'inspired by the sun' on your entry form.
- **Criteria:** Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
  - originality / creativity 10 points
  - execution / technique 10 points
  - storytelling / theme 10 points

• **2-D Entries** should be no smaller than 9"x12", and no larger than 18" x 18". *(If a 2D piece is not on a rigid canvas, it must be framed so we can display it. We can not display loose pieces of paper.)*
• Entries containing either licensed or trademarked characters or images or celebrity likeness will not be eligible to win and the submission will be disqualified. (No tracing.)
• The work may be drawn or painted in pencil, pen, charcoal, crayon, pastel, marker, watercolor, acrylics, oils, collage, and mixed media (if using mixed media, please specify on entry form of media utilized). We are looking for colorful hand drawn artwork –they should NOT use digital tools to create their artwork *(No printing / tracing)*.

-Sculptures or 3-D Art can be made of any medium, or mixed mediums. Sculptures should not exceed 18" x 18" (roughly no bigger than a watermelon), and must be freestanding.

Entry Form:

- Contestants should print, complete, and sign an entry release form for their entry.
- **Entry release form and artwork an be delivered to The <u>Kanvas Oct. 5-8, 3:30 - 8 p.m.</u>**

  ***** Please sign your artwork on the bottom right or left corner, or underneath for sculptures.

• Judging will take place on Friday, Oct. 9, at 10 am. Entries will be on display at the Kanvas until October 21.

- **<u>Entries must be picked up on Monday, Oct. 26, 3:30-8 p.m.</u>**
- Entries that do not comply with the contestant rules and submission requirements will be disqualified from placement. Questions may be submitted by email to Anneliese.kanvas@gmail.com.

- **<u>Artwork will be on display during Sethfest, Saturday, Oct. 10</u> (10 am - 6 pm) at the Kanvas. Participants are encouraged to attend and bring friends and family!**