



Creative Expression

Agriculture benefits everyone...agriculture is the foundation of Ohio...**Agriculture is Cool!**

Ohio students, grades K-12, it's your turn to show us how YOU think "Ag is Cool!" Anyone who was enrolled in school or home-schooled in Ohio, grades Kindergarten through 12th grade during the 2016-2017 school year, may present their idea visually of how they interpret the theme "Ag is Cool."

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged by a panel of judges that will include all or part of the following: representatives from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Office of the Governor, the Ohio Expo Center, and professional consultants in the areas of video production, photography, drawing, painting and other visual arts. Judging will be based on representation of the "Ag is Cool" theme (consider the importance of technology in 21st Century agriculture), creativity (including the use of Ohio images), and quality of work. Decisions of the judges concerning any and all matters with respect to this contest shall be final.

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

There are separate contests for the following grade categories (GRADES FOR PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR, 2016-2017), with winners to receive awards at the Ohio State Fair. One submission only per student:

- Grades K-2:* Photography, Drawing or Painting
- Grades 3-5:* Video, Photography, Drawing or Painting
- Grades 6-8:* Video, Photography, Drawing or Painting
- Grades 9-12:* Video, Photography, Drawing or Painting

1. Entrants must have been enrolled in an Ohio school or home schooled during the 2016-2017 year, and must have a parent or guardian sign the entry form to verify permission.
2. An entry in the video, photography and drawing or painting category must be original work, created in 2017 by the student submitting the entry. Parental or other involvement can only be in support functions such as purchasing materials, assisting with entry paperwork, and mailing the entry.
3. One submission only per student (student must choose one category and may not submit additional entries in different categories).

4. All entries must relate to the theme: "Ag is Cool" in Ohio. The theme represents the importance of agriculture to Ohio citizens, their quality of life, and Ohio's economic future. Entries will be judged on the quality of work and how well the student portrays the theme through their own artistic vision.
5. All entries **must be postmarked (or emailed when applicable) by June 5, 2017.**
6. Late entries and/or controversial videos, photos, drawings and paintings as determined by the judging panel and contest managers will not be considered.
7. A submitted entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form with signatures.
8. Photographers and videographers are responsible for obtaining parental/guardian permission and signature for any child younger than 18 years of age captured in their submission.
9. Photos become the property of the State of Ohio and may be used for education, promotion or any other purpose or venue by the agency, including the website.
10. Family members of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Expo Center, and the Office of the Governor are not eligible to enter the contest.
11. With the exception of video submissions (if entrants choose to include credits at the end of their submission), entrants name should not appear anywhere on submission, only on accompanying application.
12. The Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Expo Center or the Office of the Governor reserves the right to cancel the contest at any time.
13. Entry must be the original work of the eligible participant. Any plagiarism or failure to identify material that is not the participant's own work will be grounds for immediate disqualification. Additionally, by entering this contest, participants represent and warrant that their submission is original and does not infringe on the rights or intellectual property claims of any third party or entity, and agree to indemnify and hold Sponsors harmless for any related claims.
14. Any personal information collected by the Sponsors is subject to Ohio's sunshine laws and may be deemed to be a public record. This information could become public if a public records request is received seeking information about this contest.
15. The parties agree that any legal action proceeding or relating to this contest shall be instituted in a state court sitting in Columbus, Ohio, which shall be the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any legal proceedings. Participants hold all responsibility to comply with any applicable federal, state or local laws in connection with their contest entry or prize winnings.
16. Winners shall assume any and all responsibility as to federal, state or local taxes due in connection with any prizes.

17. A copy of these official rules will be posted on the Ohio Department of Agriculture's website: www.agri.ohio.gov. These rules can also be obtained from the Ohio Department of Agriculture by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ohio Department of Agriculture, Attn: Office of Communication, Ag is Cool Visual Arts Contest, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.
18. The Ohio Department of Agriculture cannot be held responsible for any telecommunications systems, postal malfunctions and/or other submission failures that might impede an entrant's ability to enter this contest. Lost, late, damaged, undelivered or illegible entries will not be considered for prizes.
19. Winner and their parent/legal guardian will be required to execute appropriate releases before prize is transferred. If the winner fails to provide proper identification and sign the appropriate releases, or if the announced winner is determined to be an ineligible participant, the Ohio Department of Agriculture shall declare the prize forfeited, and proceed to choose another winner from the remaining eligible entries. Winners release the Ohio Department of Agriculture, the Ohio Expositions Commission and any other affiliates and contest sponsors from liability for any loss, damage, or claim of property related to the participation in the contest and/or usage of the prize.
20. The Sponsors reserve the final judgment on all matters pertaining to this contest including the right to change or modify the rules, or to discontinue or extend the contest without prior notice. Should contest Sponsors become aware of any hacking, security breaches, or other misconduct, sponsors reserve the right to discontinue the contest immediately.

Video:

Video should be no longer than three minutes in length, including introductions and credits. Because many components used in PowerPoint presentations are copyrighted, use of the PowerPoint program is prohibited. All work must be original by the student submitting the piece, and must not be cut and pasted from other sources.

Videos may be submitted two ways:

1. Post your video on YouTube or provide URL/Web address for your video and email entry form with the link, URL or Web address to communications@agri.ohio.gov; or
2. Provide video DVD or flash drive and send with entry form in a secure container with student's name, parent/guardian name, address, two phone numbers, and email address if available to: Ohio Department of Agriculture, Attn: Office of Communication, Ag is Cool Visual Arts Contest, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Photography:

Photography entries may either be a single photo, a series of photos, or a photo collage related to one event, action, or object. Photos may be: black and white or color; digital or film. All work must be original by the student submitting the piece. Graphic elements over the photos are prohibited. Captions below the photos are acceptable.

Guidelines for photo submissions:

1. No entry may exceed 11x14 inches, including mat if used.
2. Entries must be mounted on a sturdy material, but not in a frame.
3. Titles and captions are accepted, but not required.
4. Use of copyrighted material is prohibited.
5. Place entry and entry form in secure container and mail to: Ohio Department of Agriculture, Attn: Office of Communication, Ag is Cool Visual Arts Contest, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Photography entries will not be sent back to entrant.

Drawings or Paintings:

Students who choose to submit a drawing or painting that represents their vision of how “Ag is Cool” in Ohio should follow the following guidelines:

1. Submissions must be original, and may include original pencil (charcoal, lead, color, etc.) drawings or sketches, or original paintings (watercolor, oil, etc...).
2. All artwork must be flat and may not be more than ½ inch thick.
3. Artwork may not exceed 24x30 inches, including the mat if used.
4. All paper or canvas entries should be mounted on sturdy material, preferably cardboard mats.
5. Words and letters are acceptable if used to enhance or as part of the artwork itself.

To submit a drawing or painting, mail entry in a secure container along with entry form to: Ohio Department of Agriculture, Attn: Office of Communication, Ag is Cool Visual Arts Contest, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Drawings and paintings will not be sent back to entrant; however drawings and paintings (only) will remain at the Ohio Department of Agriculture for one year if entrants would like to pick up their entry following the close of the Ohio State Fair. Pick-up location: Ohio Department of Agriculture, Office of Communication, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Prizes

Award winners will be recognized by the Office of the Governor and other state officials at the Ohio State Fair. Among other prizes, winners will receive two, one-day passes for free admission to the Ohio State Fair (to be sent to the winner’s home prior to the Fair). The passes can be used any day during the Fair, July 26- August 6, 2017.