



2020 Student Art Contest & Community Art Show Details and Rules

Thank you for your interest in the 2020 National Cherry Blossom Student Art Contest & Community Art Show (Contest) presented by the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. (NCBF) and the DC Arts & Humanities Education Collaborative (DC Collaborative). Here are the details for this year's Contest.

2020 THEME

NCBF and DC Collaborative invite students from DC public and public charter schools and Japanese schools (grades K through 12) to create and submit to the Contest an artwork (Entry) that depicts the theme **Home is Where the Blossoms Are** and that focuses on **friendship** and shows what cherry blossoms mean to the student and the student's community (2020 Theme).

The 2020 Theme is part of the 2020 National Cherry Blossom Festival (Festival), the world's greatest springtime celebration! The Festival commemorates the 1912 gift of over 3,000 cherry trees from Mayor Yukio Ozaki of Tokyo to the city of Washington, DC. The Festival deepens the public's connection to nature, enriches communities and honors the unique friendship between the United States and Japan by inspiring creative international exchange and collaboration.

HOW TO GET STARTED

- **Help your individual students create an Entry (Individual Entry) or a group of students create an Entry (Group Entry) that:**
 - Represents the 2020 Theme (although the words of the 2020 Theme do not need to appear on the Entry).
 - Conveys location as a backdrop to the story that the Entry tells, exploring self-portraiture or drawing focal point.
 - Articulates their perceptions of cherry blossoms in their community (like D.C. artist Lilly Spandorf (<https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/lily-spandorf-art.html>)).
 - Uses different styles to explore and express the world and communities around them (like D.C. artist Michael Hammond (<http://muralsdcproject.com/mural/sasha-bruce-house/>)).
 - Depicts springtime through the lens of the community in which students live or attend school.
 - Depicts the friendship between United States and Japan, perhaps by referencing the history of the Festival [HERE](#).
- **Ensure that Individual Entries:**
 - For grades K – 5 use photography, canvas art, poster art or mixed media.
 - For grades 6 – 12 use photography, canvas art, poster art, mixed media or digital computer-generated media.
 - Measure between 18 x 24 and 22 x 28 if they are on heavy weight (cover or card stock) paper or 18 x 24 if they are on poster board or canvas.
 - Keep to a minimum any commercial lettering on or media that may fall off of the Entry.

- **Ensure that Group Entries:**

- Are created by all members of the class submitting the Group Entry
- For grades K – 12 use poster art only.
- Measure no larger than 70 x 46
- Keep to a minimum any commercial lettering on or media that may fall off of the Entry.

Students who are immediate family members of or living in the same household as an NCBF or DC Collaborative employee, officer or director may not participate in the Contest.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP ENTRIES

- You may submit as many Entries as you wish.
- If you submit more than ten Individual Entries, you must provide to NCBF, with your Entries, which **ten** of the total Individual Entries that you are submitting are, in your judgment, the ten best Individual Entries (Top Ten Entries).
 - Complete an **Identification Form** clearly and legibly and affix it to the back of each Individual Entry and Group Entry.
 - Have parents or guardians of artists complete and provide you with a **Release Form** for their artist.
 - Affix to each Individual Entry the completed individual Release Forms from the parent or guardian of the Individual Entry artist.
 - Affix to each Group Entry a completed Release Form from the parent or guardian of each Group Entry artist
 - Complete and submit the [Electronic Submission Form](#).
 - Drop-off all Entries to one of the following on or before **March 10, 2020:**

Nicole Wright
NCBF*
1275 K Street NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC
20005

Margaret Meenehan
Fillmore Arts Center
819 35th Street NW
Washington, DC
20007

Edgardo Guerrero
Jasmine Coleman
Brookland MS
1150 Michigan Ave NE
Washington, DC
20017

Linda McMillian
Lawrence E. Boone
ES
22000 Minnesota Ave
SE
Washington, DC
20020

*If you are delivering Entries to NCBF, please contact Nicole Write in advance at studentartcontest@ncbfdc.org or 202-638-8372

JUDGING

A panel of NCBF- and DC Collaborative-appointed judges will review all Group Entries and Top Ten Entries in groups (Grade Groups):

- Group 1: K – 2
- Group 2: 3 – 5
- Group 3: 6 – 8
- Group 4: 9 – 12

The panel will judge Individual and Group Entries based on their creativity, originality and adherence to the 2020 Theme.

The panel may award up to 12 prizes in the Contest, consisting of a first, second and third prize (Prize) to Entries in each Grade Group. The panel may not award all prizes and the panel's decisions will be final.

If one of your Entries wins, NCBF and DC Collaborative will, on or before March 16, 2020, notify you by email. NCBF and DC Collaborative will not be responsible for late, lost, misdirected or unsuccessful efforts to notify you.

The public will vote on a People's Choice winner live on the NCBF website from March 18 – 22, 2020.

PUBLIC DISPLAY

NCBF and DC Collaborative will display online all valid Individual Entries and Group Entries at <https://nationalcherryblossomfestival.org/student-art-contest/>

NCBF and DC Collaborative will display all Top Ten Entries at the Community Art Show at the Pepco Edison Place Gallery from March 24 –April 10, 2020.

PRIZES

NCBF and DC Collaborative will award to:

- Each artist that enters an Individual or Group Entry a Certificate of Participation and a pencil.
- Each Prize winner a special prize.
- Teachers associated with winning Group Entries a special prize.

NCBF will recognize Contest winners at an awards ceremony on March 24, 2020. NCBF and DC Collaborative will not offer alternative prizes, cash equivalents or substitute prizes. Prize winners may not direct NCBF and DC Collaborative to give anyone else the Prize.

NCBF and DC Collaborative may modify these Details and Rules at any time without notice, and may cancel, suspend or change the Contest or any element of the Contest for any reason.

To obtain the names of the Contest winners, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Winner List, 2020 Student Art Contest & Community Art Show, 1275 K Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

QUESTIONS? Contact Nicole Wright at NCBF studentartcontest@ncbfdc.org or 202-638-8372 or Clarissa Heartsfield at DC Collaborative clarissa@dccollaborative.org or 202.470.6467 ext. 1



2020 Student Art Contest & Community Art Show INDIVIDUAL ENTRY IDENTIFICATION FORM

Complete this form accurately and legibly then attach it to the back of the Individual Entry that you are submitting.

Entry Title: _____

Student Artist Name: _____

Age: _____ **Grade:** _____

Describe how the Entry incorporates the 2020 Contest theme: _____

Material used for Entry: _____

Entry Dimensions: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Phone: _____ **Teacher Email:** _____

Principal Name: _____



2020 Student Art Contest & Community Art Show GROUP ENTRY IDENTIFICATION FORM

Complete this form accurately and legibly then attach it to the back of the Group Entry that you are submitting.

Entry Title: _____

Student Artists Names: _____

Grade: _____

Describe how the Entry incorporates the 2020 Contest theme: _____

Material used for Entry: _____

Entry Dimensions: _____

School Name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Phone: _____ **Teacher Email:** _____

Principal Name: _____



2020 Student Art Contest & Community Art Show RELEASE FORM

(Please Type or Print in Black or Blue Ink Only)

Student Artist's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

By signing this Release Form below, I:

1. Allow my child (listed above) to participate in the 2020 National Cherry Blossom Festival Student Art Contest & Community Art Show (Contest) presented by National Cherry Blossom Festival, Inc. (NCBF) and DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative (DC Collaborative) (collectively Presenters).
2. Acknowledge that: 1) my child will not be compensated for his or her participation in the Contest; 2) the Presenters are not responsible or liable for late, lost, delayed, damaged, misdirected, incomplete, illegible or unintelligible Entries, any condition caused by events beyond the Presenter's control, or any printing or typographical errors in any materials associated with the Contest; and 3) the Presenters, in their sole discretion, may suspend or cancel the Contest at any time.
3. Assume all risks of personal and property injury or loss that may occur related to my child's participating in the Contest. Along with my heirs, executors and administrators, I waive all current and future legal claims against the Presenters and their respective shareholders, directors, employees, agents and representatives.
4. Indemnify and defend the Presenters and their respective shareholders, directors, employees, agents and representatives, to the extent permitted by law from any and all losses, damages or claims arising from or related to third party claims related to my child's Entry.
5. Allow the Presenters, without reservation, limitation or additional compensation, to record, in any media, and to use, broadcast or produce derivative works from, and to grant others the right to use, broadcast or produce derivative works from, in any media and for all time, my child's name, school, age, grade, likeness, voice or Entry or any combination of these.

Intending to be legally bound, I sign this Release Form on the date below.

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____