

Geography Awareness Week Art Contest

Geography Awareness Week takes place November 14-19, 2022. This year's theme is *A World of Possibilities: Celebrate Career Paths in Geography*. All Pre-K - 12 public school students in Oklahoma are invited to participate.

The impressive array of career choices might be one of the geography discipline's best-kept secrets. This year, the American Association of Geographers and OKAGE aim to change that. During the 35th annual Geography Awareness Week, we're showcasing the work of geographers in strikingly diverse areas, from agriculture and food security to tracking illegal mining; from foregrounding the geographies of health to the work of correlating cancer and air quality and applying Geographic Information Systems to patterns of substance abuse; from assuring the integrity of population counts to safeguarding wildlife ecologies; from advising on climate resilience to protecting fair voting maps. For the 2022 Art contest, students should consider their dream career path and how they might solve a real-world issue they are passionate about as a professional in their selected field. Submissions may convey any aspect of students' selected profession and illustrate how they will work to improve upon their selected issue. Entries should show the local, state, national, or worldwide impact of their chosen issue – either presently or what they hope to achieve in the future.

Guidelines:

- Artwork should be no larger than a standard 8.5" by 11" sheet of paper.
- Each entry should include a title which helps tell the story of the student's artwork.
- Entries should be solely completed by the student and consist of only original artwork. Artwork containing online images, photos, newspaper, magazine clippings, etc. will not be considered.
- Illustrations may be completed with standard art supplies including colored pencils, markers, pens, crayons, paint, etc.
- Artwork must be submitted by the teacher electronically [here](#) or mailed to the OKAGE office at 100 E. Boyd St., SEC 684, Norman, OK 73019. Electronic submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. CST on Saturday, November 19th. If mailed, entries must be postmarked no later than Saturday, November 19th. If submitting artwork by mail, complete [this form](#) with each entry to be considered for prizes.

Judging:

- Judging will take place in early December, and winners will be announced prior to Winter Break. OKAGE Staff along with our Board of Directors will serve as judges.
- Artwork will be judged based on adherence to the theme, creativity and clarity of the title, originality, aesthetic, and expression of the spatial and/or temporal scope of the student's chosen topic.

Prizes:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be selected in two categories – Elementary (Pre-K – 5th Grade) and Middle/High School (6th – 12th Grade).
- 1st Place: With approval of the winner's teacher, the winner's class in each category gets to participate in an all-expenses-paid field trip with OKAGE during the Spring 2023 semester which may highlight career opportunities in Oklahoma or present an opportunity to learn more about the subject matter of the winning student's artwork. The individual student who created the winning artwork and their teacher will each receive a \$100.00 Walmart gift card.
- 2nd Place: The individual student who created the winning artwork and their teacher will each receive a \$75.00 Walmart gift card.
- 3rd Place: The individual student who created the winning artwork and their teacher will each receive a \$50.00 Walmart gift card.

Contact us at okage@ou.edu or (405) 325-5832 with any questions.