



## OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

### Don't mess with Texas® K-12 School Art Contest January 14 – April 18, 2019

#### CONTEST OVERVIEW

Texas students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade are invited to participate in the Texas Department of Transportation (“TxDOT”) and Keep Texas Beautiful (“KTB”) (collectively “Sponsors”) Don’t mess with Texas® K-12 Art Contest (“Contest”) to create artwork for the 2020 Don’t mess with Texas Calendar. Each entry will promote the Don’t mess with Texas and/or Keep Texas Beautiful litter prevention initiatives in order to encourage the protection of our Texas roadways and environment. The purpose of the Contest is to inspire our future leaders to refrain from littering, advocate for litter prevention, and keep Texas beautiful.

Students who create the top 13 winning designs will have their artwork assigned to a month or featured on the cover of the 2020 Don’t mess with Texas calendar. All featured winners will have their winning artwork returned and framed and receive a \$100 Visa gift card donated by Keep Texas Beautiful. All student winners and their artwork may be showcased on the Don’t mess with Texas and Keep Texas Beautiful websites and social media sites, at the 2019 Keep Texas Beautiful annual conference, in media announcements, and through other channels, as appropriate.

Teachers representing students who produce the top 13 designs will win a \$100 H-E-B/Central Market gift card.

The contest begins January 14, 2019. All entries must be submitted or postmarked by April 18, 2019. Winners will be announced in May 2019 and prizes will be distributed by May 31, 2019. Contest rules and dates may change at sponsors’ sole discretion.

#### CONTEST RULES

- Artwork must be submitted/postmarked on or before April 18, 2019. Late entries will be disqualified.
- Artwork must be original work created by a student enrolled in a Texas elementary, middle or high school, or who is homeschooled and living in Texas. Tracing is not allowed.
- Each student’s parent or legal guardian must fill out and execute the Contest Entry Form and Agreement.
- Only one piece of artwork will be accepted per student.
- The student’s name must be written *only* on the back of artwork. Names must not appear on the front of the artwork.
- Each piece of artwork must have a completed Contest Entry Form and Agreement, attached to the back with tape or a clear glue stick. Nothing else may be attached to the artwork—no exceptions. The student’s name must be written on the back of artwork; nothing except the entry form may be attached to the back. Artwork should not be folded or damaged. Entries that do not have the Contest Entry Form and Agreement attached will be disqualified.

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- All submitted artwork becomes the property of Keep Texas Beautiful and the Texas Department of Transportation. Winners and runners-up (and their parents or guardians) agree to the use of their names/ likenesses to promote the Don't mess with Texas program in both print and digital media. Featured winners will have their winning artwork returned and framed. All other entries will not be returned. Keep Texas Beautiful will store student artwork for 3 months after the conclusion of the contest. See the Contest Entry Form and Agreement for further details.
- No obligation or liability is assumed by Texas Department of Transportation or Keep Texas Beautiful in connection with the contest.
- We may use your Personal Information to contact you with newsletters, marketing or promotional materials and other information that may be of interest to you. You may opt out of receiving any, or all, of these communications from us by following the unsubscribe link or instructions provided in any email we send.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applicants must be current residents of Texas, must be students in grades K-12 as of April 2019, and must comply with these Official Rules. Children who are homeschooled and living in Texas are also eligible to participate. Employees and their immediate families (spouses, parents, siblings, children, and each of the respective spouses or people living in the same household of each) of TxDOT, KTB and GDC Marketing & Ideation are not eligible to participate.

## **DESIGN RULES**

- All entries must illustrate a litter prevention message. The message must:
  - Promote the Don't mess with Texas and/or Keep Texas Beautiful mission; and
  - Promote the protection of our highways and environment from litter.
- Entries may have a seasonal theme (spring, summer, fall, winter).
- Entries using words in the design must have all words spelled correctly. Teachers are encouraged to help students spell words correctly.
- Entries may illustrate the Don't mess with Texas or Keep Texas Beautiful slogans or the iconic Don't mess with Texas trashcan image. No other company logos, product brands, brand names, characters (i.e. Mickey Mouse, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Barbie, etc.) or store names are allowed (i.e. McDonalds, Coke, H-E-B, 7-Eleven, etc.). Generic terms such as "restaurant" or "store" may be used.
- Design must not include any profanity.
- The student's name must be written *only* on the back of artwork. If selected, the winner's name will be printed next to his or her design.
- Artwork must be submitted on an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper, in landscape format.
- Entries must not be framed or mounted.
- All artwork must be two-dimensional, using any of the following: watercolor, acrylic or oil paints, colored pencil, colored markers, ink, charcoal, pastels and crayons. Collages, computer-generated artwork, photography, traced images or photocopies will be disqualified.
- Each entrant agrees not to submit any entry that infringes upon any third party proprietary rights, intellectual property rights, industrial property rights, personal or moral rights or any other rights, including without limitation, copyright, trademark, patent, trade secret or confidentiality obligations or otherwise violates applicable U.S. law. Entries violating this section of the rules may be disqualified.

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## JUDGING

- Entries will be judged based on creativity/uniqueness, inclusion of a litter prevention message and interpretation of the Don't mess with Texas and/or Keep Texas Beautiful mission, overall visual appeal, composition and appropriateness.
- All judgments are final.
- Entries will be judged by Keep Texas Beautiful affiliates, teacher volunteers and graphic design professionals.

## PRIZES

Thirteen winners will be selected:

- One student winner's artwork, chosen from the 13 winning designs, will be featured on the cover of the 2020 Don't mess with Texas Calendar. He or she will also win a \$100 Visa gift card donated by Keep Texas Beautiful.
- 12 of the top 13 winning students will have their artwork featured on a month in the 2020 Don't mess with Texas Calendar and receive a \$100 Visa gift card.
- Teachers representing students who produce the top 13 designs will each win a \$100 H-E-B/Central Market gift card.
- Runners-up to the contest may be showcased in the 2020 Calendar or online. Runners-up will not receive a prize.
- All featured winners will have their winning artwork returned and framed.

## ARTWORK SUBMISSION

Participating teachers, coordinators or parents must submit students' original designs (with Contest Entry Form and Agreement attached to the back of each) through the U.S. mail (not emailed) postmarked on or before April 18, 2019 to:

### **Keep Texas Beautiful**

Don't mess with Texas

K-12 Art Contest

8850 Business Park Drive, Suite 200

Austin, Texas 78759

More information can be found at [DontMessWithTexas.org](http://DontMessWithTexas.org).



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## K-12 ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM AND AGREEMENT

STUDENT	Student Name _____
	Age _____ Grade (K-12) _____ Gender _____
PARENT	Parent / Guardian Name _____
	Phone Number _____ Email Address _____
SCHOOL	School Name _____ Principal Name _____
	Street Address/City/State/ZIP Code _____
TEACHER/ COORDINATOR	Teacher/Coordinator Name (if applicable) _____
	Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

### PARENT / GUARDIAN & STUDENT CONSENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give \_\_\_\_\_

(name of parent/guardian) (name of student)

permission to enter his/her artwork ("Artwork") in the Don't mess with Texas<sup>®</sup> K-12 Art Contest ("Contest"). I warrant and represent that my child and I have complied with the Official Rules.

I agree that the Artwork will not be returned (unless chosen as a "Featured Winner") and is the property of Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT"), Keep Texas Beautiful ("KTBB"), and GDC Marketing and Ideation ("GDC"). I agree the Artwork is a "work made for hire" for KTB/TxDOT/GDC and the copyright and all other rights, title, and interest in the Artwork shall be owned by KTB/TxDOT/GDC. To the extent the Artwork is deemed not to be a "work made for hire," I agree and irrevocably SELL, ASSIGN, CONVEY, AND OTHERWISE FULLY TRANSFER to KTB/TxDOT/GDC throughout the world in perpetuity, all right, title, and interest in the Artwork (and, if applicable, by way of present assignment of future rights), including, without limitation, any and all copyrights.

I agree that KTB/TxDOT/GDC and any successors, licensees and assignees thereto shall have the non-exclusive and perpetual right, but not the obligation, to use my child's name, photograph, voice, likeness, and similar characteristics of his/her identity for advertising, publicity, promoting, selling, and other related purposes in connection with KTB/TxDOT/GDC both during and after the Contest. I agree to cooperate with KTB/TxDOT/GDC by providing appropriate photographs and biographical information, if and as reasonably requested. In addition, I understand that certain winners may be invited to attend TxDOT, KTB, and/or GDC events.

I agree that KTB/TxDOT/GDC are not liable for any injuries, damages, claims, demands, actions or causes of action whatsoever which may arise out of or relate in any way to my child winning, acceptance or use of any prize, or the Contest ("Liabilities"), and I agree to forever release, discharge, indemnify, hold harmless and defend KTB/TxDOT/GDC from any such Liabilities.

#### Entry deadline:

Postmarked on or before April 18, 2019

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Send entries to:

Keep Texas Beautiful  
Don't mess with Texas  
K-12 Art Contest  
8850 Business Park Drive, Suite 200  
Austin, Texas 78759

Sign up to receive TxDOT and Keep Texas Beautiful email updates including youth-related programming, contests and opportunities.

For more information, visit [DontMessWithTexas.org](http://DontMessWithTexas.org) or call 1 (800) CLEAN-TX.  
Please retain a copy of this form for your records.

