ART OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
2020 TUS Student Art Contest & Exhibition for high school students in Southern Arizona
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ART CONTEST
The Tucson Airport Authority is proud to announce its first-ever juried art competition open to high school students in southern Arizona. Original artwork from all finalists will be on exhibit at the Tucson International Airport for four months at the end of 2020. Prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded.

WHO CAN ENTER?
This juried regional art competition is open to all public and private high school students grade 9-12 from southern Arizona’s Cochise, Pima, southern Pinal, and Santa Cruz Counties.

WHAT IS THE THEME?
Students are asked to create a 2-dimensional or wall-hung 3-dimensional piece of original artwork that conveys what FLIGHT means to you, how you are artistically inspired by FLIGHT, or how FLIGHT can expand your world.

Depictions of FLIGHT can include the past, present or future; birds, insects, planes, drones, spaceships, or balloons. Students may draw inspiration from history, natural resources, science, environment, current events, people, community, and culture. Some depictions are not acceptable; no violence, no nudity, and no mass disasters.

WHAT IS “ORIGINAL” ARTWORK?
Original artwork is defined as artwork which is unique in concept, design, and execution, and is created directly and personally by the student. Original artwork is not a copy or imitation; no kits, paint-by-number pieces, photocopies, or photographs of artwork, magazines or book illustrations, or random snapshots.

Artwork must be exhibition quality. All artwork submitted must be appropriate for all ages of the general public and viewing in an airport venue.
WHAT CAN I WIN?
All finalists will compete for First, Second, and Third Place Awards voted on by judges representing the local arts community.

WHERE DO I ENTER MY ARTWORK?
Visit the airport’s website: www.flytucson.com and submit an online TUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ART CONTEST FORM.

Entry to the contest is easy, and all done online. Simply provide some basic information about you and your artwork along with a digital image of the artwork.

The deadline for entry is Friday, May 15, 2020.

By submitting this online contest entry, student agrees to participate in the public exhibition of their original artwork, and will mail/or deliver the artwork to the airport at 7250 S. Tucson Blvd, #300 Tucson AZ 85756 by Friday, August 7, 2020.

Application entry is free.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FINALIST?
A finalist is a student whose artwork has been selected by the jury and will be displayed throughout the galleries at Tucson International Airport; 7250 S. Tucson Blvd. from Tuesday, September 1, 2020 through Thursday, December 31, 2020.

All finalists artwork must be ready for display. The airport may frame or mat some pieces for display. Canvas, wood, cradled hardboard, Masonite panels or any other non-frameable surfaces must be wired for hanging.

Student’s artwork will be returned to their school following the gallery exhibition.

WHEN IS IT HAPPENING?
• Student must have created submitted art between Tuesday, October 1, 2019 and Friday, May 15, 2020 to be eligible.
• Student may submit an online application including digital images of artwork between October 1, 2019 and Friday, May 15, 2020
• Deadline to submit application is Friday, May 15, 2020
• Exhibit finalist will be notified by Friday, July 17, 2020
• Finalist’s art must be mail or deliver to the airport by Friday, August 7, 2020
• Exhibit opens at the airport Tuesday, September 1, 2020
• Exhibition of all finalists’ artwork will be on exhibit at the airport from Tuesday, September 1, 2020 through Thursday, December 31, 2020
• Prize awards will be announced at the airport Exhibit Reception on Thursday, October 1, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.
• Artwork will be return to the student’s school by Friday, January 29, 2021

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?
Ask your teacher for help.
Visit the airport’s website, email your question, or call the airport.
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