



# 2024-2025 GOVERNOR'S MANSION ART CONTEST

**Overview:** Students will research information about the Alabama Governor's Mansion, Alabama's State Bird (the Yellowhammer) and / or the Alabama State Flower (the Camellia) as inspiration for their artwork. Judges will select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, as well as honorable mention(s). Winners will be announced at the end of April to beginning of May with an awards ceremony to be announced at the Governor's Mansion. Entries must be postmarked or delivered to the Governor's Mansion by **Thursday, April 3, 2025**.

**Preparation:** Students will learn more about Alabama's Governor's Mansion, our state bird and state flower. Schools and organizations can also schedule a tour of the Governor's Mansion to see the Mansion in person. Tours can be scheduled by using the link found on the Office of Alabama Governor [www.governor.alabama.gov/governor/mansion/tours](http://www.governor.alabama.gov/governor/mansion/tours), or via email at [tours.mansion.alabama.gov](mailto:tours.mansion.alabama.gov), or by calling 334-834-3022.

## Art Contest Rules & Guidelines

**Number of Entries:** Each Student may only enter one piece of artwork.

**Grade Categories:** 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students from the state of Alabama.

**Awards:** Judges will select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners as well as honorable mention(s) to be presented at the Governor's Mansion. The Sweet Home Alabama gift shop will also present our winners with a gift. Certificates of Participation will be included in the envelope with returned artwork or by request. The 1<sup>st</sup> place artwork will also be displayed in the Governor's Mansion and on the Governor's Mansion website.

**Technical Requirements:** Any flat media can be used including pencil, ink, acrylic, oil, charcoal, pastel, crayon, watercolor and / or collage if components are drawn by hand by the artist. Vertical or Horizontal orientation will both be accepted. No computer-generated images, photography or photocopies will be accepted. Artwork must be original work from the student. All entries should be 8" x 10" or 9" x 12". Entries should NOT be framed or mounted. If charcoal or chalk is used, entries must be sealed with fixative, or protected with a separate sheet of paper. Students should NOT sign their name or initials on the front of their artwork. Artwork will be judged on creativity, technical quality, and overall composition.

**Entry Forms:** Include the entry form on the back of each piece of student artwork. Use only tape or a clear glue stick to attach a student's entry form to the back of artwork. Any artwork that does not include an entry form, will not be considered. Entry forms must be fully completed and signed by an adult (teacher or parent) and the student.

The Governor's Mansion:

- Has exclusive rights to use submitted artwork for reproduction, promotional purposes and display without compensation.
- Cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of entries.
- Will return all artwork in the self-addressed, stamped envelope to the participating school or organization after April, 2025. 1<sup>st</sup> place artwork will be returned to the artist the following year.