



2026 GOVERNOR'S MANSION ART CONTEST

Overview: Students will research information about the Alabama State Flower (the Camellia) as inspiration for their artwork. Judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, as well as honorable mention(s) in the Categories listed below. **Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 14** with an **Awards Ceremony to take place on Wednesday, April 29 at 3:00-4:00pm** to be held at the Alabama Governor's Mansion. Entries must be postmarked or delivered to the Governor's Mansion by **FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026**.

Preparation: Please reference the following website for more information about Camellias. American Camellia Society website: <https://www.americancamellias.com/>
Sasanqua Garden Club website: <https://sasanquagardenclub.org/>

Art Contest Rules & Guidelines

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

Grade Categories: 4th Grade students from the state of Alabama.

Awards: Judges will select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category listed below, 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. The 1st place artwork in each category will also be displayed in the Governor's Mansion and on the Governor's Mansion website.

Artwork Categories: Teachers / Students to select one of the following categories to enter. Please mark your category on the Entry Form included with your artwork: **Drawing, Painting, or Mixed Media**. Please include an artist statement (artist context for creative process, influences, materials, and goals to connect the audience to work beyond its visual appeal.) This can be included on the Entry Form or attached to the Entry Form.

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 2026. 1st place artwork will be returned to the artist the following year.