



How Do You Take Care of Texas? **Elementary School Art Contest**

CONTEST OVERVIEW

Texas elementary school students enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) *How Do You Take Care of Texas?* Elementary School Art Contest (Contest). Each entry will help spread the message that all Texans need to do their part to Take Care of Texas. Students' artwork should portray positive ways Texans can help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, and reduce waste.

One winning design will be selected from each of the TCEQ's 16 regional offices. Staff from each TCEQ regional office will select the winning entry from their region. From the 16 statewide winning entries, the overall grand prize winner will be selected by Take Care of Texas staff and representatives from the contest partner, Samsung Austin Semiconductor.

The student who designs the overall best artwork will be awarded a Samsung laptop. The winner will also be invited to Austin to be recognized by the TCEQ commissioners and a Samsung representative at the 2015 Environmental Trade Fair and Conference luncheon on May 5. In addition, the top design will be published in the next edition of the Take Care of Texas activity book (publication number GI-380).

Students who create the remaining 15 winning designs will each win a Samsung tablet presented to them by the TCEQ regional director from that region and a Samsung representative, when possible. Take Care of Texas staff and region staff, when possible, will work with the student's school to arrange the prize presentation, and local media and dignitaries could be invited.

All winning designs will be showcased on the Take Care of Texas and TCEQ websites and newsletters, at the 2015 Environmental Trade Fair and Conference, and in media announcements.

One teacher of the 16 winners will be randomly selected to win a Samsung tablet.

The contest begins on January 5, 2015. All entries must be mailed to the TCEQ and postmarked on or before March 6, 2015. Winners will be announced on April 3, 2015, and prizes will be distributed by May 15, 2015. Contest rules and dates may be changed at TCEQ's sole discretion.

CONTEST RULES

- Artwork must be received on or before March 6, 2015. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Artwork must be original work created by a student enrolled in a Texas elementary school.
- Each student may submit only one piece of artwork.
- Each student's parent or legal guardian must fill out and execute the Contest Entry Form and Agreement.
- 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. 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 not be considered.
- All submitted artwork is owned by the TCEQ. Winners and their parents or guardians agree to the use of the winners' names/likenesses to promote the Take Care of Texas program and future art contests. Entries will not be returned. See Contest Entry Form and Agreement for further details.
- No obligation or liability is assumed by TCEQ in connection with the contest.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be current residents of Texas, must be students in grades K-5 as of March 2015, and must comply with these Official Rules. 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 TCEQ or Samsung Austin Semiconductor are not eligible to participate.

DESIGN RULES

- All entries must illustrate positive ways Texans can help keep our air and water clean, conserve water and energy, and reduce waste.
- Students may get ideas by visiting the Take Care of Texas website at TakeCareOfTexas.org/do-your-part and TakeCareofTexas.org/kids/do-your-part.
- No company logos, product brands, or store names should be included in the design.
- Students may choose to sign their artwork; however, the winner's name will be printed next to his or her design if it wins, so signing is not necessary.
- Artwork should be submitted on an 8.5" x 11" piece of paper (landscape format is recommended).
- Entries should 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, or photocopies will not be accepted.

JUDGING

- Entries will be judged based on creativity/uniqueness, inclusion of a Take Care of Texas message, and interpretation of theme, overall visual appeal, composition, and age appropriateness.
- All judgments are final.
- Entries will be judged by TCEQ region staff and Take Care of Texas and Samsung Austin Semiconductor staff.

PRIZES

Sixteen winners will be selected:

- One student, chosen from the 16 winning designs, will be awarded a Samsung laptop. The winner will also be invited to Austin to be recognized by the TCEQ commissioners and a Samsung representative at the 2015 Environmental Trade Fair Conference. In addition, the grand-prize design will be published in the next edition of the Take Care of Texas activity book (publication number GI-380).
- The remaining 15 winning students will each receive a Samsung tablet presented to them by the TCEQ regional director from their region and a Samsung representative, when possible. Take Care of Texas staff and region staff, when possible, will work with the student's school to arrange the presentation, and local media and dignitaries could be invited.
- All winning designs will be showcased on the Take Care of Texas and TCEQ websites and newsletters, at 2015 Environmental Trade Fair and Conference, and in media announcements.
- One teacher of the 16 winners will be randomly selected to also win a Samsung tablet.

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 e-mailed) postmarked on or before **March 6, 2015** to:

**Take Care of Texas Art Contest, MC 109
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P. O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711**

More information can be found at TakeCareOfTexas.org/art-contest.