

ROAD SAFETY

Art Contest



U.S. Department
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Federal Motor
Carrier Safety
Administration

ENTER THE CONTEST!

Submission Deadline: June 10, 2023

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the 2023 Road Safety Art Contest. This annual competition encourages students to use their creativity and talent to raise awareness of how to stay safe on our roads around large trucks and buses. The contest is open to four groups spanning grades K-12, with multiple creative submission categories.

Inspiration: Students can view samples and learn more about large trucks and buses at the FMCSA Kid Zone ([fmcsa.dot.gov/KidZone](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/KidZone)) and Teen Zone ([fmcsa.dot.gov/TeenZone](https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/TeenZone)). Winning artwork will best depict through original creativity how all road users—from cars, to bikers, to pedestrians—can stay safe around large trucks and buses, by staying aware of their big blind spots, long stopping distance, and wide turns.

CONTEST CATEGORIES

Students must be in the grade categories below as of June 10, 2023. For example, a student who is completing 5th grade in June would be part of Category 2.

- **Category 1:** Grades K–2
- **Category 2:** Grades 3–5
- **Category 3:** Grades 6–8
- **Category 4:** Grades 9–12

CREATIVE SUBMISSIONS

All submissions must adhere to the contest rules on the following page to be eligible.

- **Hand-Drawn Art:** Crayon, colored pencil, marker, paint, etc.
- **Digital Art:** Graphic design, digital drawing, etc.
- **Craft:** Handmade items such as a collage, diorama, etc.
- **Video:** Spoken message, song, dance, skit, etc. (No more than 30 seconds long.)
- **Photo:** Captured with phone or digital camera.

WINNER RECOGNITION

FMCSA will announce twelve total winners in Fall 2023. FMCSA judges will determine one Grand Prize winner and one Honorable Mention winner for each of the four contest categories. Additionally, Facebook users will vote through the [Our Roads, Our Safety Facebook page](#) to determine one People's Choice winner for each of the four contest categories.

Winners will receive:

- Inclusion in a Winner Announcement Video
- Recognition on FMCSA's Kid Zone and Teen Zone webpages
- A framed copy of the winning work
- An award certificate
- Inclusion in the 2024 Road Safety Art Contest Calendar

CONTEST RULES

1. **Entry deadline is June 10, 2023.** FMCSA will officially announce winners via the FMCSA website and social media in Fall 2023.
2. Artwork must include imagery or references to large trucks and/or buses. Including cars, motorcycles, bicycles, or pedestrians is also encouraged. Seat belt usage for all people pictured in vehicles is mandatory. Artwork should not depict crashes and injuries; safety messages should be kept positive.
3. **Each student can submit only one entry.**
4. A parent or guardian must complete and sign the entry form. Submissions must be horizontal (landscape) in layout or orientation; vertical layouts will not be accepted.
5. The student must produce the artwork without assistance from anyone else. The entry must be original. It cannot be a copy or modification of another work, such as a picture that is copied and then colored.
6. Submissions must not include any copyrighted logos and brands.
7. Software or online programs may be used to assemble/edit an entry, however, the entry must be primarily generated by the student's own creativity and concept.

Additional Rules for Video and Photo Entries

8. Physical safety is mandatory when capturing video or photos. Content must not be captured while operating a vehicle; riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard; or in any other dangerous situations.
9. Video submissions from a group are permitted. An entry form signed by the parent/guardian of each student in the group must be submitted. No person outside the student group can provide any assistance.
10. Video or photo submissions must not include any copyrighted material (such as copyrighted music, video clips, stock images, logos, or brands).

HOW TO SUBMIT

1. Email submissions to fmcsa.outreach@dot.gov. Subject line must read: **"2023 Road Safety Art Contest Submission: [Student's First and Last Name]."**
2. All non-video entries must be submitted as a high-resolution photo or scan. Accepted file types include JPG, PNG, or PDF and must not exceed 10MB. For all video entries and non-video entries larger than 10MB, please submit via email with a file sharing link. Be sure to include the email subject line regardless of entry type.
3. The completed and signed entry form must be attached to the email. Digital signatures are acceptable, or the parent/guardian may print, sign, scan and email the form.

For more information, visit our **Kid Zone webpage:** www.fmcsa.dot.gov/KidZone and our **Teen Zone webpage:** www.fmcsa.dot.gov/TeenZone. For questions, please contact fmcsa.outreach@dot.gov.



2023 ROAD SAFETY ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

For video group submissions, a signed entry form is required for each student in the group.

Student Name: Student Age: Student Grade:

Teacher's Name, if applicable:

School Name:

How did you learn about the contest?

Does this submission include copyrighted material? (Yes / No)

Note: Submissions containing copyrighted logos, music, or video clips will be disqualified.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Mailing Address:

City: State: Zip:

Parent/Guardian Email:

Parent/Guardian Phone:

REGULATIONS

By entering the art contest, each participant and his or her parent, guardian and/or legal representative warrant that the submission is the participant's original work. They consent to the use of the entrant's first and last name, artwork, grade, city and state on the 2024 Road Safety Calendar and other related promotional items without further permission, compensation or approval. Original artwork submitted becomes the property of the art contest sponsors. Participants assign all copyright, trademarks and other intellectual property rights related to their entries to the art contest sponsors and previously mentioned agencies including, but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Transportation. In consideration for the participation in this art contest, participants and their parents, guardians, and/or legal representatives release, discharge, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, their employees, officers, directors, agents, and partners from all claims, damages, demands, obligations, or losses of any kind related to this art contest. All communications regarding the art contest, including announcement of winners, will be sent to the artists' parent, guardian and/or legal representative.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

This statement is provided pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 USC § 552a.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 49 U.S.C. 322

PURPOSE: The information collected is used to credit the winners of the annual Road Safety Art Contest and their teachers, and to contact the winners through their parents.

ROUTINE USES: The full mailing address portion of the records is only used to assist the Agency with providing congratulatory items to the winners. The winning entry state of residency, grade and name is highlighted in outreach and marketing communications, but no other information is shared externally.

In addition to those disclosures permitted under 5 USC 552a(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974, additional disclosures may be made in accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses published in the Federal Register on December 29, 2010 (75 FR 82132), under "Prefatory Statement of General Routine Uses" (available at <http://www.dot.gov/privacy/privacyactnotices>).

DISCLOSURE: Providing the requested information is voluntary; however, failure to provide the information may impede crediting the winning artist or providing the winners with certificates or other congratulatory items.