ROAD SAFETY Art Contest

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

ENTER THE CONTEST!

Submit by June 5, 2026

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces the 2026 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. 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. The contest is open to students in grades K-12.

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

CREATIVE SUBMISSIONS

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

View samples and find tips to help your submission at https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/our-roads/road-safety-art-contest-ideas.

WINNER RECOGNITION

FMCSA will announce twelve total winners in Fall 2026. FMCSA judges will determine one Grand Prize winner and one Honorable Mention winner per age category. Additionally, Facebook users will vote through the Our Roads, Our Safety Facebook page to determine one People's Choice winner for each category.

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 2027 Road Safety Art Contest Calendar

CONTEST RULES

1. **Entry deadline is June 5, 2026**. FMCSA will officially announce winners via the FMCSA website and social media in Fall 2026.
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. Physical safety is mandatory. Content must not be captured while operating a vehicle; riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard; or in any other dangerous situations.
4. Submissions must be horizontal (landscape) in layout or orientation.
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 assistance.
8. Please do not include names or signatures on artwork.

2026 ROAD SAFETY ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM

A parent or guardian must complete and sign the 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:

Email submissions to fmcsa.outreach@dot.gov. Subject line must read: **"2026 Road Safety Art Contest Submission: [Student's First and Last Name]."**

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 2027 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.