



OSSAA Art of the Game Competition

The OSSAA is excited to announce the first-ever Art of the Game competition, where students will create works of art that represent what the Basketball State Tournament means to schools and communities state-wide. Finalists will have their art displayed at the Basketball State Tournaments (March 3 – 7; March 10 – 14). Attendees at the Basketball State Tournaments will “vote” for their favorite painting with money. All money that is collected during the Basketball State Tournaments will be donated to the Peggy and Charles Stephenson Cancer Center.

Prompt: The OSSAA State Basketball Tournament brings schools and fans across the state to the OG&E Coliseum in Oklahoma City. Create a work that captures the atmosphere and experience of schools and fans when they attend the State Basketball Tournament.

You can incorporate state symbols, the OG&E Coliseum, or the Basketball State Tournament Court. This is not an exhaustive list. Images of these items are available online. The deadline for submitting paintings is Friday, February 20th at 4 pm.

Rules:

1. Entry is open to any Oklahoma high school student, grades 9 – 12. Submissions must be on an individual basis, no groups. Only one submission per student.
2. All works of art must be original and created by the student. **NO AI OR CGI IMAGERY IS ALLOWED!**
3. Paintings (pastel, oil, watercolor, etc.) and drawings (colored pencil, graphite pencil, etc.) are the accepted mediums for the Art of the Game contest. No digital art, photography, etc.
4. Do not include individual school names or logos in the work.
5. Do not use copyrighted images or designs in the work.
6. Refrain from the usage of profanity or hate speech in your work.



7. Please ensure that your submission is tied to the prompt. Do not create a work that does not have any connection to the Basketball State Tournament.
8. Submissions will be judged upon the relevance to the prompt, creativity, and technical skill.
9. Submissions must be made via Google Form. The link is provided at the end of this document and on the OSSAA Basketball Page.
10. The deadline to submit your work is February 20th, 2026 at 4 pm.
11. The determination of finalists will be made by a selection committee, no later than February 24th. Finalists will have their art displayed at the Basketball State Tournaments (March 3 – 7; March 10 – 14).
12. The works of finalists must be brought to the OSSAA office between February 25th and February 27th or on March 2nd from 8 am to 3 pm.
13. Each finalist will receive a certificate, and the winner will receive an achievement plaque. The winner will also have their art displayed in the OSSAA office for the next year.
14. The artist will retain all rights to their work, but the OSSAA may use it in promotional materials. Credit will be given to artist in any such cases.
15. The OSSAA is not responsible for lost or damaged submissions.
16. Rules are subject to alteration, with notice.
17. By submitting a work into the OSSAA Art of the Game Competition, the artist is accepting and acknowledging the rules.
18. Any violation of the rules listed above will result in disqualification of a work.

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Link to submission form: <https://forms.gle/eYofazrWyC4XUbCi8>