

2024 Mesa Student Essay and Visual Arts Contest Celebrating National Preservation Month

Presented by

The Mesa Historic Preservation Board
&
The Mesa Historic Preservation Office

Visual Arts Contest Topics (Kindergarten - 12th grade)

Students can showcase their visual arts skills (submittals can include a video, sketch, painting, 3D model, etc.) and learn more about Mesa's history by submitting an art piece that falls within one of the following three topics:

1. What Makes Mesa Important to You?
2. A Historic Building or Sign in Mesa
3. A Historic Person/People of Mesa

Essay Topics (4th-12th grade only)

Students can showcase their writing talents and learn more about Mesa's history by submitting an essay about one or more of the topics below.

Contest entries must be a historical essay or fictional story on one of the following three topics:

1. Historic Athletes in Mesa
2. Places I Would Like to See in Mesa 50 Years From Now
3. What I Would Put in a Time Capsule from Mesa

Submissions:

See the Entry Form for ways to submit your entries. All Submissions are due by **March 22nd 2024**.

Eligibility*:

ALL SCHOOL-AGE MESA RESIDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY!

Mesa students in kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible for the visual arts contest. Mesa students in 4th through 12th grade are eligible for the essay AND visual arts contest. *All students must reside in the City of Mesa.

Prizes:

Awards will be given to students and teachers in each category based on grade (K-3, 4-6, & 7-12). Additionally, schools will receive \$500 for each first-place winner. See the Awards section at the end of this document for more information.



Contest Regulations:

All entries must comply with the following contest rules:

1. A completed submission form is required with all submissions ([submission form at the end of this document](#)).
2. Each entry must reflect the student's own research, writing, and original thinking.
3. Entries must be in the form of an essay or fictional story or visual arts (such as video, sketch, painting, scale model, etc.).
4. One (1) entry may be submitted by each contestant.
5. K-3rd grade students may only submit an art piece.
6. Students in 4th through 12th grade may submit either an essay or an art piece.
7. All sources must be properly cited.
8. Each entry should be no more than 750 words in length (essay), three minutes long (video), or 24" X 36" in size (visual arts project such as painting, sketch, or base size for 3D model).
9. Essays may be typed or neatly written.
10. The title of the essay, but NOT the author's name, MUST appear on the top of all pages of the essay. Each visual arts project MUST include a title using an index card, label, or other clear identifier.
11. All entries will become property of the Mesa Historic Preservation Board. The Board may reprint the essays in publications, online, or use them at workshops. Appropriate citations will be given to the authors.
12. Winning entries will be posted to the Historic Preservation Office website.

Judging:

The Mesa Historic Preservation Board members will judge submissions on the historic information included, storytelling ability, and artistic expression appropriate for the grade level(s) (K-3, 4-6, & 7-12). They will then determine the top three winners for each age group and category based on the overall impression of the degree to which the story, video or visual arts project conveys Mesa's history.

For more information visit mesaaz.gov/residents/historic-preservation-office or email historicpreservation@mesaaz.gov





Historical Writing and Visual Arts Contest Student Entry Form

Sponsored by: The Mesa Historic Preservation Board

Return this form with your essay, video or visual arts project.

Student Signature: _____

First and Last Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name : _____

Art Medium: _____

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By signing, you agree that the Board may reprint, publish online or use the submission at workshops.

THIS ENTRY FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR SUBMISSION

THE CONTEST WILL BE OPEN UNTIL MARCH 22, 2024

TO SUBMIT, CHOOSE ONE:

Mail to: City of Mesa
Historic Preservation Office
Attn: Dawn Dallman
City of Mesa
PO Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466

Drop off: (hours M-Th 7 AM-6PM)
City of Mesa
Historic Preservation Office
Attn: Dawn Dallman
55 N Center St
Mesa, AZ 85201

Email to: historicpreservation@mesaaz.gov

Awards

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners will receive a Historic Preservation swag bag for the student. Schools will be awarded \$500 for each 1st place winner in their respective category.

Grade K-3:

- 1st place **art contest** winner - \$150 to student, \$150 to teacher
- 2nd place **art contest** winner - \$100 to student, \$100 to teacher
- 3rd place **art contest** winner - \$50 to student, \$50 to teacher

Grade 4-6:

- 1st place **art contest** winner - \$150 to student, \$150 to teacher
- 2nd place **art contest** winner - \$100 to student, \$100 to teacher
- 3rd place **art contest** winner - \$50 to student, \$50 to teacher
- 1st place **essay contest** winner - \$150 to student, \$150 to teacher
- 2nd place **essay contest** winner - \$100 to student, \$100 to teacher
- 3rd place **essay contest** winner - \$50 to student, \$50 to teacher

Grade 7-12:

- 1st place **art contest** winner - \$150 to student, \$150 to teacher
- 2nd place **art contest** winner - \$100 to student, \$100 to teacher
- 3rd place **art contest** winner - \$50 to student, \$50 to teacher
- 1st place **essay contest** winner - \$150 to student, \$150 to teacher
- 2nd place **essay contest** winner - \$100 to student, \$100 to teacher
- 3rd place **essay contest** winner - \$50 to student, \$50 to teacher

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