

“VISIONS” ~ RULES

WHAT IS VISIONS?

“Visions” is a program sponsored by the Orange Coast Optimist Club (OCO) to provide an opportunity for students affiliated with OCO to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original work.

CATEGORIES:

- **Visual Arts*:**
 - Paintings, drawings, collages, photographs.
 - **Literature:**
 - Poems, short stories, essays: fiction and non-fiction.
- ** Tinkos (K-1st grade) can only submit entries in Visual Arts, **excluding** photography.

AWARDS AND PRIZES:

All participants will receive recognition. Awards will be given overall by division in the literature and visual arts categories. All applicants must be members of Orange Coast Optimist (OCO).

The five divisions are:

- Tinkos (Kindergarten - 1st grades)
- 2nd Grade - 3rd Grades
- 4th Grade - 5th Grades
- 6th Grade - 8th Grades
- 9th Grade - 12th Grades

THEME:

Students may interpret the theme in any way he/she feels appropriate. The theme must be reflected in the student's work. Unless the work clearly relates to the theme, the theme must be used in the title or subtitle of the entry. Only new pieces of artwork or written work which were inspired by the theme are acceptable. No copy written materials will be accepted.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

All entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme. The judges can be OCO or board members.

VISUAL ARTS CATEGORY

VISUAL ARTS:

- **PAINTING:** All kinds, including tempera oil, watercolors, etc.
- **DRAWING:** Crayon, chalk, charcoal, pencil, ink or any medium used for drawing or sketching.
- **COLLAGE:** Materials that are deemed suitable for art, including pictures from magazines or newspapers. However, care should be exercised to assure that the collage composition is put together securely to travel well.
** Do **NOT** use glitter or pens that contain glitter **

VISUAL ARTS RULES:

Only two-dimensional artwork on paper, poster board or canvas is acceptable. Sculptures, ceramics, jewelry or other three-dimensional arts and crafts are NOT eligible for entry.

Entries **must be** mounted on sturdy cardboard mats, cardboard cut from a sturdy box or poster board. They may not be in picture frames or wood, metal, plastic or glass. Un-mounted entries or those on soft paper will not be accepted. Please do **not** laminate your artwork.

- ***Tinkos*** may submit entries only in the **VISUAL ARTS** category only.
- Artwork **CANNOT** be larger than ***18X24 inches overall***, including mat.

PHOTOGRAPHY CATEGORY

PHOTOGRAPHY RULES:

All prints must be mounted on a cardboard mat, cardboard cut from a sturdy box or poster board. They may not be in picture frames of wood, metal, plastic or glass. Un-mounted entries or those on soft-paper will not be accepted. Do NOT laminate your work.

- Photography entries **CANNOT** be larger than ***11X14 inches***, including mat.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

- Black and white or color prints from any type of camera, including instamatics. Slides, transparencies or videos will **NOT** be accepted
- Single entry only: double exposure, montages, collages composite photographs and sandwich photos are accepted.
- Tinkos (Kindergarten - 1st grades) can only submit entries in Visual Arts, no Photography, no literature entries will be accepted.

LITERATURE CATEGORY

LITERATURE:

- Essays: fiction and non-fiction
- Poetry
- Short Essays
- Tinkos (Kindergarten -1st) can only submit entries in Visual Arts.

LITERATURE RULES:

Literature entries may be submitted on any kind of paper. Entries may be mounted but the overall dimensions of the entry may NOT EXCEED 11X14 inches. Mounting of literature is not required.

Entries must be legible. They can be handwritten or typed by the student.

Entrants in the literature category are not penalized for spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors. They are judged on literacy contents.

Pictures drawn by the student to accompany their entries are acceptable. However, entries are judged on literacy content, no artwork.

- POETRY: Cannot be more than **150** words.
- SHORT STORIES: Cannot be more than **250** words.
- ESSAYS: Cannot be more than **500** words.

ORIGINALITY:

All entries must be the original design, artwork or writing of an individual student.

Parents and friends **MAY NOT** assist the student. Entries completed by two or more students **ARE NOT** permitted.

*Entries that do not meet the rules and guidelines
for the Visual Arts, Photography or Literature
Categories will not be judged.*

*Entries will **NOT** be accepted after the due date
and time - NO Exceptions!*