

250th Calendar Art Contest

Deadline for Submission: Friday, September 26, 2025 by 5:00 PM

Contest Purpose

The 250th Calendar Art Contest is a youth engagement initiative celebrating Morris County's role in the 250th anniversary of the United States. The calendar will feature artwork from 12 selected high school students across the county and be sold to raise funds for programming and events hosted by the Morris County 250th Steering Committee.

Proceeds will directly support local educational programs, public events, and commemorative initiatives designed to honor the county's heritage and community spirit during this historic celebration. The selected 12 winners will be recognized at the Made In Morris: Arts in Action Breakfast on October 30th, 2025 at the Park Avenue Club.

Artwork Prompt

“Celebrate America: Morris County’s Legacy in the Spirit of 1776”

Students are invited to reflect on what the 250th anniversary of America means to them — through the lens of local history, civic pride, and their own communities. Artwork should capture the theme of freedom, resilience, and community, highlighting Morris County's historical and cultural contributions to the founding and evolution of the United States.

How to Submit

Email artwork and release form to:
250@morriscountyalliance.org

Or mail submissions to:
Morris County Tourism Bureau
Attn: 250th Art Contest
6 Court Street, Morristown, NJ 07960
(Original artwork will not be returned)

Questions? Email:
250@morriscountyalliance.org

Morris County 250th Calendar Art Contest: Official Rules & Guidelines

Eligibility

Open to all high school students (grades 9-12) currently enrolled in public, private, charter, or home schools within Morris County, New Jersey.

One entry per student.

Judging Criteria

- Creativity and originality
- Interpretation of the theme
- Artistic skill and composition
- Connection to Morris County's history or community

Usage Rights

By submitting artwork, students and their parents/guardians agree to grant the Morris County Tourism Bureau and Morris County 250th Steering Committee the non-exclusive right to reproduce, publish, and promote the artwork in print and digital formats.

No financial compensation will be provided beyond public recognition and promotion.

Submission Guidelines

1. Artwork must be original and created solely by the student.
2. Accepted mediums include: drawing, painting, printmaking, digital art, collage, or mixed media (no photography).
3. Art must be horizontal (landscape) orientation and fit an 8.5" x 11" format.
4. Digital submissions must be scanned at 300 DPI resolution (PDF and JPEG format).
5. Each submission must be accompanied by a completed and signed Release Form (see below).
6. Submissions without a release form will not be considered.

Recognition & Awards

12 winners will be selected and featured in the 2026 Morris County 250th Commemorative Calendar.

All winners will be recognized at the Made In Morris: Arts in Action Breakfast on October 30th, 2025 at the Park Avenue Club.

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Student Release Form

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

School Name: _____

Grade: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby grant permission to the Morris County Tourism Bureau and the Morris County 250th Steering Committee to reproduce, display, and publish my submitted artwork in connection with the 250th Calendar Art Contest.

I understand that:

- My artwork may be featured in a printed calendar and on digital and promotional materials.
- If selected, my name, school, and grade may appear in print and online to recognize contest winners.
- No compensation will be provided beyond recognition and a copy of the published calendar.
- A parent or legal guardian's signature is required if the participant is under 18.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____