## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# Student Art Contest!



#### WISCONSIN PUBLIC SCHOOL ARTISTS

Calling all young artists to embark on an artistic journey of self-expression and imagination! We are thrilled to announce the WEA Member Benefits Student Art Contest theme: **Whimsical Wonder**, where creativity knows no bounds, and every stroke of your brush, pencil, or digital stylus tells a unique story.



Whether you're a poet, budding painter, digital artist, or mixed-media enthusiast, we encourage you to bring your vision to life by creating whimsical and fantastical characters, creatures, or places.



### **PRIZES:**

Up to ten finalists will win a \$500 prize each, and one finalist will be awarded the \$1,500 "Best in Class" award named in memory of Loeymae Lange.

### Loeymae Lange

The "Best in Class" award is named in memory of Loeymae Lange, who taught art at Cooper Elementary school in Burlington, Wisconsin, for 30 years.

Her brother, Dr. Paul Lange, and his wife June have graciously honored Loeymae's legacy and love for art by providing this memorial gift to the WEA Member Benefits Foundation, Inc. Read more about Loeymae Lange on our Foundation page.

### WHO MAY ENTER:

Students must be enrolled in grades K–12 in a Wisconsin public school at the time the artwork is submitted. All work must be the original work from the student.

### **HOW TO ENTER:**

Entries must include the official signed application and a high-resolution JPEG image of the student's artwork. Please use our online form to enter your student art. You can find it here: **weabenefits.com/studentartcontest**. One entry per person. *Please do not mail your artwork unless you are a finalist. Artwork submitted and mailed to WEA Member Benefits* 

will not be accepted and will not be returned. One entry per person.

## Accepting art April 1 - May 3, 2024







# Frequently Asked QUESTIONS

### Who is WEA Member Benefits?

Since 1972 WEA Member Benefits has been helping Wisconsin public school employees and their families achieve their financial goals by providing personal insurance, retirement and investment, and financial planning programs that are designed specifically for the education community.

### What is the review process for this contest?

The evaluation committee will review all submitted work. Criteria includes originality, expression, use of elements/principals of design, overall presentation of artwork, and its message.

### When will you announce the selected artwork?

Finalists will be announced on or about Thursday, May 25, 2024.

### What happens if my work is selected?

We may request that you email a final, printable high resolution image of your artwork. Depending on the nature of the piece, we will try to coordinate an art pickup by one of our employees, or we may ask that you send your original artwork to our office for display. In addition to title and date, accepted artists will be asked to send a brief personal bio and description of how your artwork ties into the theme.

The high resolution images will then be reproduced in a suitable way for framing and display. If original artwork is displayed it may be returned to the artist upon request, but WEA Member Benefits will not be responsible for any damages that occur during shipping.

### Where will the art be displayed?

All art will be on display at WEA Member Benefits in Madison, Wisconsin. The artwork may rotate between the lobby, meeting rooms, offices, and other locations throughout the building.

### Where can I find more information and instructions?

Visit weabenefits.com/studentartcontest. If you have additional questions please email us at <u>artcontest@weabenefits.com.</u> We will only be accepting digital entries. *Please do not mail your artwork unless you are a finalist. Artwork submitted and mailed to WEA Member Benefits will not be accepted and will not be returned. One entry per person.* 















