



OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES
2026 MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND CAREER SAVINGS ART CONTEST
NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

CONTEST DESCRIPTION AND TIMING: The 2026 Mississippi College and Career Savings Art Contest (the “Contest”) begins on 1/1/26 and ends on 3/2/26 (the “Contest Period”). For the Contest, Mississippi students are asked to create a work of art that reflects “What do you want to be when you grow up?” and submit the Registration Form for a chance to win up to \$1,000 towards a MACS account for the benefit of the student.

CONTEST SPONSOR AND ADMINISTRATOR: Mississippi College and Career Savings, a division of the Office of the Mississippi State Treasury is the “Sponsor” and is located at 501 North West Street, Suite 1101, Jackson, MS 39201; 601-359-5255.

ELIGIBILITY: The Contest is open only to students attending a public, private, religious, or home school located within the State of Mississippi and who are enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, or 1st through 12th grades and are legal residents of the State of Mississippi. Members of the immediate family of employees of the Office of the Mississippi State Treasury are not eligible. Immediate family means spouses, parents, children, siblings, and stepparents/children, siblings, whether or not living at the same residence.

HOW TO ENTER: To enter the Contest, student entrants (“Entrants”) must –

For Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades –

- 1) **CREATE ARTWORK ON OFFICIAL ART ENTRY FORM:** Create artwork on Official Art Entry Form (“Art Entry Form”) answering the question “What do you want to be when you grow up?” The Art Entry Form is available at: www.treasury.ms.gov/artcontest. The Entrant’s first and last name must be on the **back** of the Art Entry Form. **Artwork with the Entrant’s name on the front of the Art Entry Form is subject to disqualification.**
- 2) **COMPLETE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM:** Complete Official Registration Form (“Registration Form”) available at www.treasury.ms.gov/artcontest. Registration Form must be completed and signed by Entrant’s parent or legal guardian prior to submission. **Registration Form must be paper clipped to the artwork.**
- 3) **SUBMIT ENTRY:** Submit Art Entry Form and Registration Form (together, “Entry”) to:

Mississippi College and Career Savings Art Contest
P.O. Box 138
Jackson, MS 39205

Mail your original Art Entry Form and completed Registration Form with original signature of the parent or legal guardian. All Entries must be postmarked or hand-delivered by 3/2/26. All hand-delivered entries must be received in the Office of the State Treasury no later than 4:00 p.m. on 3/2/26. Sponsor is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected, damaged, or postage-due Entries, or for late Entries due to computer and/or downloading problems. All Entries become the property of the Office of the State Treasurer and will not be returned to the Entrants.

For 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades –

- 1) **CREATE ORIGINAL PIECE OF ART:** Artwork can be any original idea that answers the question “What do you want to be when you grow up?” **Artwork is restricted to 8.5”x11” only.** The 8.5”x11” artwork can be any medium: painting, sketch, collage, etc. Artwork smaller or larger than 8.5”x11” will not be entered into the Contest. **Artwork must also contain the words “College and Career Savings” in any style or form.** The Entrant’s first and last name must be on the **back** of the artwork. **Artwork with the Entrant’s name on the front of the artwork is subject to disqualification.**
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LIMIT: One (1) Entry per student during the Contest period. In the event more than one (1) Entry is received from any one (1) student, the first Entry processed will be considered the only valid Entry received and subsequent Entries from the same student will be disqualified.

WINNER SELECTION/VERIFICATION: Winners will be selected by a panel of judges. Artwork will be initially screened by Office of the State Treasury staff. Any incomplete artwork or registration form will be disqualified. Submitted artwork will be judged on the following criteria: originality, composition / design, craftsmanship, and interpretation of theme. For judging criteria descriptions and rubric, please request via email: artcontest@treasury.ms.gov. First, Second, and Third Place Winners will be selected from the following four (4) age categories:

- 1) Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades
- 2) 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades
- 3) 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
- 4) 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades

CLASSROOM/TEACHER WINNER SELECTION: The classroom or teacher with the most Entries from students will automatically win a separate prize in the form of a \$1,000 MACS Account. Winner will be notified by phone and/or email and must confirm his/her eligibility within five (5) business days of notification. If a selected winner does not meet the eligibility requirements, he or she will be disqualified.

PRIZES / APPROXIMATE RETAIL VALUE (ARV): One (1) First, Second, and Third Place prize will be awarded to the selected winner from each of the four (4) age categories. The prize will be in the form of a MACS Account for the benefit of the winning child. The First Place Winners will receive a \$1,000 MACS Account. The Second Place Winners will receive a \$500 MACS Account. The Third Place Winners will receive at \$250 MACS Account. The parent or legal guardian will be listed as the owner of the account and will be required to fill out the necessary paperwork in order to claim the prize. The winner and the parent or legal guardian of the winner will be invited to a reception/media event to announce the winner of the Mississippi College and Career Savings Art Contest.

GENERAL PRIZE RESTRICTIONS: The parent or legal guardian of each student winner (MACS Account Owner) will be responsible for all federal, state, and local taxes applicable to acceptance and use of the prize, including income taxes, if any, and will be required to provide his/her Social Security Number or Federal Taxpayer Identification Number for tax reporting purposes. Any and all costs associated with acceptance and use of the prize will be the sole responsibility of the winner. Sponsor will file an IRS Form 1099 with the Internal Revenue Service for the fair market value of prize. No transfer or substitution of the prize permitted, except by Sponsors who reserve the right to substitute the prize, in whole or in part, for one of comparable or greater value. The winner/parent or legal guardian must complete and return the completed MACS application to the office of Mississippi College and Career Savings within 30 days of contest completion. **Failure to return the completed MACS application College and Career Savings will result in forfeiture of the MACS scholarship or prize.**

AGREEMENT TO THE OFFICIAL RULES: By participating in the Contest, each Entrant and Entrant's parent or legal guardian fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor and Administrator and the judges, which are final and binding in all matters related to the Contest.

RELEASE: By participating, Entrants and their parents or legal guardians agree to release and hold harmless the Sponsor, and Sponsor's respective trustees, directors, officers, agents, affiliates, and employees (collectively, "Released Parties") from any and all liability for any claims, costs, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind caused by their participation in the Contest, including, but not limited to, the unauthorized or illegal access to personally identifiable or sensitive information. All Entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be acknowledged nor returned under any circumstances. Upon request of Sponsor, Entrant will provide an Affidavit of Eligibility, Publicity Release, and MACS application as required above. The winner will grant to Sponsor and its designees the right, except where prohibited by law, to use their and the child's name, age, grade, likenesses, pictures, addresses (cities and states), voices, biographical information, written or oral statements, for advertising, promotional, and online voting purposes in promoting the Sponsor, its products, websites, and/or this Contest or succeeding Contest, in any and all media now or hereafter known throughout the world in perpetuity, without additional compensation, notification, or permission. Entries not complying with all rules are subject to disqualification.



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WINNER/RULES: For the names of the winners and/or a copy of these Official Rules, mail a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Mississippi College and Career Savings Art Contest, P.O. Box 138, Jackson, MS 39205, or email artcontest@treasury.ms.gov. Specify "Winner's List" or "Official Rules" on the request.

VIOLATIONS: Sponsor may, in its sole determination, disqualify anyone it believes has not complied with the Rules, may be tampering, or acting in a non-sportsmanlike, disruptive, abusive, harassing, or threatening manner.

CHANGES: Sponsor may, in its sole determination, cancel or modify any aspect of the Contest or Rules for any reason which the Sponsor, in its sole opinion, deems affects the Contest, execution or administration of the Contest (whether tampering, technical, or human error, application of new or existing laws/regulations, or other issues).

Consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing in the MACS Plan. Please visit www.treasury.ms.gov for a Disclosure Booklet and to find out more information about MACS and MPACT. Read it carefully. Investments in the plan are neither insured nor guaranteed and there is the risk of investment loss.