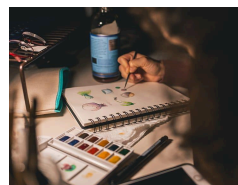


2026 Art and Writing Contests

PURSuing EXCELLENCE: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF GIFTED TEACHING



- ◆ Contests are open to all New Jersey students in grades Pre-K–12 from public or private schools as well as those who are homeschooled.
- ◆ Winners will be selected in each of the following grade-level groups:

Pre-K–2	3–5	6–8	9–12
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- ◆ Only one entry per student per contest is permitted (one for Art & one for Writing).
- ◆ Teachers, please submit only the best two student art creations and the best two student writing creations from each class.
- ◆ Entries must be submitted electronically **no later than 11:59 PM on Friday, December 19, 2025.**
- ◆ Winners will be notified by January 30, 2026.
- ◆ Work must specify it was created between September 12, 2025 and December 19, 2025.

ART REQUIREMENTS:

1. Artwork must relate to the theme of; *pursuing excellence*.
2. Artwork must be two-dimensional in any medium—**NO** three-dimensional elements allowed.
3. Entry limited to one high-res image only.
4. Please, submit a Parent Permission Statement, submission form and a picture of the artwork at [here](#)!

WRITING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Writing entries must relate to the theme of *pursuing excellence*.
2. Entries must be no longer than two pages, double-spaced, typed, and can be in the form of a creative piece, poem, essay, etc.
4. Use 12-point Times New Roman font.
5. Please, complete the Parent Permission Statement, submission form and upload the entry [here](#)!

For more information and contests, visit <https://njagc.org/njagc-contests-and-awards/>

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Parental Permission Statement

Dear Parent,

Please sign the following permission slip for your child to enter the NJ Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC) contest and return it to your child's teacher for submission:

I hereby give permission for my child to enter the 2026 NJAGC Art or Writing Contest. I agree to give NJAGC permission to include links to their submission to our website and other digital publicity media, and to publish their name and photo in publicity and announcements.

Please indicate which contest you are giving permission for:

☐ Art Contest

☐ Writing Contest

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

This signature verifies that the piece is created entirely by the student named below.

Parent name (Print): _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Name of Student (Please print): _____

Address of Student _____

Name of Teacher _____

School District _____