



AFKA Kids Art Contest Guidelines



This art contest aims to inspire creativity in children and youth, giving them an opportunity to have their art published on a greeting card. The cards will be used for various purposes such as, but not limited to, caregiver recognition and kids get a chance to win a prize! In addition, all art submissions that fit within the contest criteria will be published in a video or slideshow format on the AFKA website, AFKA social media platforms (Facebook/Instagram) and/or through email to AFKA's email distribution list(s). **All Artwork must be sent to the AFKA office in its original state, unfolded, packaged with care.**

THEME: "Family Adventure". What does *Family Adventure* mean to you?

ELIGIBILITY: This contest is open to all children and youth currently in care of a licensed/approved foster or kinship caregiver within **Alberta** (biological, adopted and foster/kinship). Children or youth who have won the contest in the previous year are not eligible to be selected as winners in this year's competition.

AGE CATEGORIES

2 - 5 YEARS

6 - 9 YEARS

10 - 13 YEARS

14 - 17 YEARS

SELECTIONS:

Up to one (1) provincial winning selection will be made from each of the age categories indicated, dependent on entries received. A provincial selection committee that includes members from within each region will be formed by the Ministry of Children and Family Services. Selections will be made in June 2026.

CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES:

- All submissions **must be 2D original** artwork created by hand (such as a drawing, painting)
- Accepted mediums include paint, pencil, marker, crayon, ink, felt, oil pastel or charcoal
- Size of artwork – 8.5" x 11" (horizontal/vertical)
- All submissions must include the name and age of the child on the **back** of the artwork. *Entries with a name or contact details on the front of the artwork will be disqualified.*

ALL PERSONS SUBMITTING AN ENTRY TO THE GREETING CARD CONTEST MUST AGREE TO ALLOW:

- Their first name and age to appear on the printed greeting card
- Their first name and age to appear in digital display of artwork on AFKA website
- Their art to become the property of the Alberta Foster and Kinship Association; all copyright is transferred to the Alberta Foster and Kinship Association
- The Alberta Foster and Kinship Association to use their artwork submission for any/all promotional and marketing materials (not used for profit or to produce items to be sold for profit)
- Their art to be shared with the Ministry of Children and Family Services, Contract Caregiver agencies or DFNAs for the purposes of using images for printing greeting cards (not for sale)
- Their art to be displayed in the AFKA office

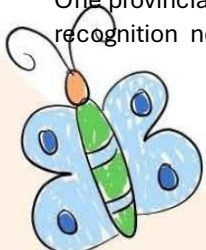
DEADLINE: The applications for the Family Adventure themed art contest will **open on March 9th, 2026**, and **close on May 15th, 2026, at midnight.** Please **mark envelopes as "Do Not Fold"** and mail to the **Alberta Foster and Kinship Association - 10263 178 Street, Edmonton AB, T5S 1M3.**

WHEN WILL THE WINNERS BE NOTIFIED?

We do not have exact dates at this time when creators of selected art submissions will be notified. We hope to notify them in early June. The selected pieces and their creator (first name and age only) will be announced on our social media platforms and through our email list. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram and join our Email List.

WHAT WILL WINNERS RECEIVE?

One provincial winner from each age category will win: A \$100 gift card • Their drawing selected for use in recognition note cards • A set of printed cards for their own use!



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