

## Columbia STEM Alliance

### Art Contest: Litter

**Registration Deadline: February 12th 5:00pm**

**Submission Deadline: February 19th 5:00pm**

Litter can have a negative impact on both land and water-dwelling wildlife. Animals can ingest inedible materials, such as plastic packaging and cigarette butts. They come away with a better understanding of how littering impacts our local community! Even the smallest of people can make the biggest impact.

**Our Litter Art and Essay Contest invites students to create a piece of artwork that represents litter or litter prevention.** This can be anything as creative as you can imagine. This could be as simple as a sketch or painting or as complex as a collage or sculpture. The medium is completely up to you. Please try to use limited text in your artwork. Any text that is included on the artwork itself must be related and enhance the message of the artwork. In addition to your artwork, you will be asked to submit an essay separate from the artwork that explains how your artwork connects to the theme of litter.

You can learn more about litter by going to

<https://sites.google.com/como.gov/sustain-edu-litter-stem/home>. Here you will find research related to litter that can help inspire your artwork and essay.

The contest is free and open to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Students will be divided into one of three groups based on age: K-2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade, and 6th - 8th grade. Please read the rules and guidelines below to ensure your artwork qualifies.

#### Contest Rules and Guidelines:

- **You must register (for the contest) by Friday, Feb. 12th.**
- An online submission form must be submitted by going to <https://forms.gle/PabYT4KRcguFhahEA>
- Entries must be received by STEM Alliance by midnight on **Friday, February 19th**
- Artwork size
  - Hand drawing: no larger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches and not smaller than 8 inches x 10 inches
  - Digital art or photo of artwork: high resolution 300 dpi or higher and submitted as .png or .jpg. Pixel size between 3300 x 2400 and 5100 x 3300
- Art work orientation: LANDSCAPE for all art types.

- Paragraph (or paragraphs) explaining how the entry showcases our theme of litter. Kindergarten through 2nd grade students can hand write their essay and submit a picture of their writing or submit their writing digitally on our submission form. 3rd - 8th grade students will need to type their essay into the submission form.
- **Only original artwork will be accepted.** Please no magazine cutouts.

**Ways to submit artwork:**

- Submit photo or digital images via email attachment to Craig Adams at [Craigadams1965@gmail.com](mailto:Craigadams1965@gmail.com) With a subject line: **Litter Art & Essay Contest Submission OR submit to our digital submission dropbox (located in the submission form).**
- Hand drawings may be physically dropped off at 5640 Waterfront Dr. North, Columbia Mo. 65202 or (if within Columbia Public Schools) mailed directly to Dr. Heather McCullar at Benton Elementary. Hand drawings that are emailed in, if chosen to be included will need to eventually be submitted physically.

**Mailing address:**

Attn: Craig Adams - Columbia STEM Alliance  
5640 Waterfront Dr.  
Columbia, Missouri 65202

**Judging criteria:**

[Rubric Here](#)

**Winners:**

Winning entries will be awarded using the criteria above. Prizes are outlined below:

- Grand Prize – BEST OVERALL DESIGN – (1 winner) \$25 Gift Card (*sponsored by City of Columbia Sustainability Office*)
- First Prize – Best use of recycled materials. (2 winners) \$20 Gift Card (*sponsored by Columbia STEM Alliance*)
- Second Prize – (3 winners) \$15 Gift Card (*sponsored by City of Columbia Sustainability Office*)
- Third Prize – (3 winners) \$10 Gift Card (*sponsored by City of Columbia Sustainability Office*)

Artwork submitted for the contest may be used for educational purposes and will become the property of the Office of Sustainability and Columbia STEM Alliance.

**Checklist to think through before submitting your work:**

- Submit registration information by **Friday, February 12th at 5:00pm**
- Write a paragraph explaining the theme (on the submission form or on paper for K-2 level)
- Make sure artwork is landscape format, if not, it will be disqualified
- Artwork must be no larger than 8.5 inches x 11 inches (standard paper)
- Only original artwork will be accepted
- Submit final artwork by **Friday, February 19th at 5:00pm**