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# Think Globally Contest: Global Snack Challenge



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## Contest overview

Kindergarten to Grade 12 students residing in Alberta or enrolled in Alberta accredited international schools are invited to explore global cultures through the universal language of food! Participants are asked to share a beloved snack, as well as a personal memory or imaginary story related to it. Whether it's a cherished family favourite, a travel-inspired taste or a food shared at a friend's house, we want to hear your story and see an illustration of your snack.

## Contest guidelines

### Submission requirements

Participants are asked to submit two components:

1. An **artwork** that depicts:
  - A global snack; and/or
  - A personal memory or imaginary story involving the snack; and/or
  - The ingredients that make up the snack.
  - Artwork must be created on 8.5" x 11" (Letter size) paper or larger.
  - Any medium is welcome (e.g., pencil, paint, markers, mixed media).
2. A short handwritten or typed **composition** on a separate paper or on the digital form space, may include:
  - The name and origin culture of the snack;
  - A brief description of the snack (for example: taste, texture, what you like about it);
  - A personal memory or imaginary story involving the snack; and
  - A reflection on how this snack helps you connect with global cultures.

Word count guidelines for the written composition:

Group	Grade	Word Count
1	Kindergarten – Grade 1	Up to 100 words
2 and 3	Grades 2 – 6	Up to 150 words
4 and 5	Grades 7 –12	Up to 250 words

## How will top selected student work be recognized?

1. Top selected students in each group will receive a snack/food-themed prize package.
2. Students selected for artistic achievement in each group will receive an art-themed prize package.
3. Top selected students' artwork and descriptions may be:
  - displayed at events in Alberta; and/or
  - featured in promotional materials to be presented as official gifts by the Government of Alberta to visiting international delegates.

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## Rules and regulations

### Eligibility

1. The contest is open to all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students residing in Alberta or attending Alberta accredited international schools.
2. To enter the contest, the student must submit an original piece of artwork, short written composition, the official entry form and copyright licence. These documents can be found at the end of this guide.
3. For minors, a parent or guardian must sign the official entry form and copyright licence.

### Artwork and written composition

1. The artwork must be the student's original artwork.
2. The artwork must feature one or more of the following:
  - The snack;
  - Personal memory or imaginary story involving the snack; and/or
  - The ingredients that make up the snack.
3. The artwork can be a drawing, painting or a combination thereof.
4. The artwork can be created digitally, by hand or a combination thereof.
5. The artwork must be at least 8.5" x 11" (Letter size) paper or larger.
6. The artwork must be respectful and considerate of all individuals and cultures.
7. The artwork must be accompanied by a brief composition written by the student. The written component can be handwritten or typed by the student.

### Selection of awards

1. Artwork that fulfills the rules and regulations will be reviewed by judges chosen by Education and Childcare.
2. The artwork will be evaluated in the following five grade categories:
  - Group 1: Kindergarten – Grade 1
  - Group 2: Grades 2 – 3
  - Group 3: Grades 4 – 6
  - Group 4: Grades 7 – 9
  - Group 5: Grades 10 – 12
3. The artwork will be evaluated using the following criteria:
  - Clarity, expression and relevance to theme;
  - Cultural insight;
  - Creativity & originality; and

- Artistic quality.
4. One (1) winner, two (2) honourable mentions and one (1) artistic achievement winner will be selected per group.
  5. Contest winners will be notified by telephone or email that their entry has won and informed of the procedure to follow to claim the applicable prize. If the student declines the prize, the prize may be forfeited and awarded to another participating student.
  6. Education and Childcare may contact the contest winners to obtain a photograph of the student, without further compensation, for use in any Education and Childcare advertisement, publication or promotion for general news or other information purposes.

### **Submission details and deadline**

1. Original artwork accompanied by a properly completed official entry form and copyright licence shall be considered a valid entry.
2. Individual students must submit entries. Group entries will not be accepted.
3. Only one contest submission is allowed per student. Multiple entries will not be accepted.
4. The artwork can be submitted digitally or in hard copy.
5. Artwork will not be returned to participants. Students should retain a copy of their artwork. Education and Childcare is not responsible for any artwork that is corrupt, damaged or did not transmit properly.
6. Entries, including entries submitted by mail, must be received by the International Education Services Branch by **Friday, January 16, 2026**.

### **Disclaimer**

1. No copyrighted materials may be used for the contest.
2. Upon submission, the artwork becomes the sole property of Education and Childcare, and all copyright in and to the artwork is transferred and assigned to Education and Childcare.
3. Students or parents/legal guardians grant Education and Childcare the right to use, reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform and/or display the student's name and their artwork without further compensation or notification to the student.
4. Winning artwork and/or copies of it may be displayed in events and activities held by Education and Childcare and be presented to visiting foreign delegations by the Government of Alberta.
5. The artwork or parts of the artwork may be used by Education and Childcare for any advertisement, publication, promotion or any other purposes.
6. If Education and Childcare does not receive pieces of artwork of sufficient quantity or quality, Education and Childcare reserves the right not to award any prizes.
7. Any false information provided within the context of the contest by any student concerning information provided in the official entry form, the copyright licence or non-compliance with these rules and regulations may result in the immediate elimination of the student from the contest.
8. Education and Childcare reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest for any reason without any prior notice to any student.
9. This contest shall be governed by and construed in accordance with these rules, the laws of the Province of Alberta and any applicable federal laws including copyright law. These rules govern all aspects of the contest and are binding on all students and all other parties including a student's parents and legal guardians if the student is younger than 18 years of age.
10. These contest rules and regulations may be changed without notice or reason including, if necessary, to comply with any applicable law. By entering this contest, students agree to abide by these rules and regulations.

**For more information about the contest rules and regulations, please contact International Education Services at: [intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca](mailto:intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca).**

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## Submission checklist

A valid entry must include the following:

- ☐ original piece of artwork on 8.5" x 11" (Letter size) paper or larger;
- ☐ short composition on a separate piece of paper 8.5" x 11" (Letter size) paper or larger;
- ☐ completed official entry form; and
- ☐ completed copyright licence.

For hard-copy submissions, please send by mail, courier or drop-off in person to:

**Jasmeen Braich**  
**International Education Standards Officer**  
**Education and Childcare**  
**International Education Services Branch**  
**Main Floor, 44 Capital Boulevard**  
**10044 – 108 Street**  
**Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6**

For digital submissions, please attach all items required for a valid entry and email to:  
[intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca](mailto:intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca).

When emailing, please use the following naming convention in the subject line: Global Snack Challenge /Last name/First name. Please attach all documents as PDF.

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## Official entry form

The personal information collected through the Global Snack Challenge Official Entry Form is for the purpose of collecting essential participant information, confirm eligibility and ensure fair and organized administration of the contest. This collection is authorized by section 4 of the *Protection of Privacy Act*. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact the International Education Standards Officer, International Education Services by email at [intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca](mailto:intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca), by telephone number 780-427-2035 or mail to 10044 108 Street, 44 Capital Boulevard, Edmonton, AB T5J 5E6.

STUDENT INFORMATION				
Name (First and Last)			Age	Grade
Address				
City	Province	Postal Code	Telephone Number	Student's School E-mail Address
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (if the student is under the age of 18)				
Parent's/Legal Guardian's Name			Parent's/Legal Guardian's Email	
SCHOOL INFORMATION				
Name of School				
School Address			School Principal	
City	Province	Postal Code	Telephone Number	Principal's E-mail
<b>Declaration (Please Print)</b>				
I, _____, (name of student OR name of parent/legal guardian for student younger than 18 years of age) confirm that:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I have read and understand the Contest rules and regulations,</li><li>• I will follow the Contest rules and regulations, and</li><li>• The information on the Official Entry Form is true and correct on the date it was submitted.</li></ul>				
Full Name of Student _____				



**Signature**

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**Date**

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**If Student is under 18 years of age:**

**Full Name of Parent/Legal Guardian**

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**Signature**

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**Date**

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## Copyright licence

PLEASE PRINT:	If Licencor is under 18 years of age:
_____ First and Last Name of Licencor	_____ Name of Parent or Legal Guardian of Licencor
_____ Address of Licencor	_____ Address of Parent or Legal Guardian
_____ Email of Licencor	_____ Email of Parent or Legal Guardian
_____ Telephone Number of Licencor	_____ Telephone Number of Parent or Legal Guardian

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<u>Name or Description of Work:</u>	<u>Date Created:</u>
_____	_____

☐ I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the copyright licence.

_____ Signature of Licencor	_____ Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if Licencor is under 18 years of age)
_____ Date	_____ Date

**This Licence takes effect upon signing of this agreement.**