Think Globally Contest: My Global Passport

Contest guide



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Contest overview

A passport is a snapshot of who we are at a particular moment in time. Its pages reflect our identity, culture, family, community, experiences and the people and places that have shaped our journey. As we evolve, so do the stories within its pages.

Kindergarten to Grade 12 students in Alberta or enrolled in Alberta accredited international schools are invited to participate in the Think Globally Contest: My Global Passport. Participants will create a passport spread that reflects who they are, what they value and where they hope to go next.

Contest guidelines

Submission requirements

Participants are required to submit two components:

1. **Artwork** that depicts:
    - A visual passport spread. Any medium is welcome – students may use pencil, paint, markers, collage, mixed media or other materials.
    - Created on one 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, divided into two sections:
        - **My Story** – A snapshot of who you are today.
            - Passport page with illustrative stamps and/or imagery that represent your life and experiences today.
            - Possible themes may include culture, language, identity, community, travel, skills, interests and Alberta connections.
        - **My Future** – A vision of who you hope to become.
            - Passport page with illustrative stamps and/or imagery that highlight your future goals, ambitions and global aspirations.
            - Stamps and imagery may represent places you hope to explore, languages you want to learn, careers you aspire to pursue and the positive impact you hope to have in your local and global community.
2. **A short handwritten or typed composition** on a separate piece of paper.
    - Respond to the question: **What story does my passport tell?**
    - Reflect on how your passport pages represent who you are today and who you hope to become.
    - Word count guidelines for the written component:

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

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How will top selected student work be recognized?

- One winner, two honourable mentions and one artistic achievement recipient may be selected from each grade category and awarded a prize package.
- Winners and honourable mentions will receive a specially selected prize basket with a variety of travel-themed items.
- Artistic achievement recipients will receive an art-themed prize.
- All prize recipients will receive an official certificate of recognition.
- Selected students' artwork and accompanying descriptions may also be:
  - Featured in an online gallery on the International Education Services website.
  - Displayed at events in Alberta.
  - Featured in promotional materials to be presented as official gifts by the Government of Alberta to visiting international delegates.

Contest rules

Student eligibility

1. The Think Globally Contest: My Global Passport ("the contest") is open to Kindergarten to Grade 12 students in Alberta or enrolled in Alberta accredited international schools.
2. To enter the contest, the student must submit an original piece of artwork, a short-written composition, an Official entry and a Copyright licence. The Official entry and Copyright licence can be found as separate attachments.
3. For students under 18 years old, a parent or legal guardian must sign the Official entry and Copyright licence.

The artwork and short written composition requirements

4. The artwork and the short-written composition must be the student's original work.
5. The artwork must be 8.5" x 11" in dimension. A3, Tabloid or Ledger paper is acceptable.
6. The artwork must be presented as a two-page passport spread featuring the sections: My Story and My Future, with illustrations and passport stamps that visually represent each section.
7. The artwork can be a drawing, painting or a combination thereof.
8. The artwork can be created digitally, by hand or a combination thereof.
9. The artwork must be accompanied by a short-written composition answering the question "what story does my passport tell?" written on a separate piece of paper.
10. The artwork and short written composition must be respectful and considerate of all individuals, groups and cultures. Entries with profanity, slang, stereotypes or any other forms of offensive text or visuals will be disqualified.

Selection of awards

11. Artwork that fulfills the rules will be reviewed by a panel of judges chosen by Alberta Education and Childcare to evaluate the artwork and select prize recipients.
12. Entries 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
13. Entries will be evaluated using the following criteria:
    - clarity, expression and relevance to the theme.

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- global perspective.
- creativity and originality.
- artistic quality.

14. One winner, two honourable mentions and one artistic achievement recipient may be selected from each grade category and awarded a prize package. There are up to twenty prizes available in total. Approximate value of each prize is 100 dollars. The odds of winning a prize will depend on the number of contest entries received.
15. All prize recipients will be notified by telephone or email that their entry has won a prize and informed of the procedure to follow to claim the applicable prize. If the student declines the prize or fails to respond to attempts to contact them within seven calendar days, the prize may be deemed to be forfeited, and the panel of judges may award the prize to another participating student.
16. Alberta Education and Childcare may contact the prize recipients to request a photograph of the student, for use in any Alberta Education and Childcare advertisement, publication or promotion for general news or other information purposes.

Submission details and deadline

17. Original artwork accompanied by a short-written composition and a properly completed Official entry and Copyright licence shall be considered a valid entry.
18. Each entry must be the individual work of one student. Group entries will not be accepted.
19. Only one contest entry may be submitted per student. Multiple entries will not be accepted.
20. The artwork can be submitted digitally or in hard copy.
21. Artwork will not be returned to participants. Students should retain a copy of their artwork. Alberta Education and Childcare is not responsible for any artwork that is corrupted, damaged or did not transmit properly.
22. All entries, including submitted by mail, must be received by the International Education Services Branch by 11:59 PM, Friday, January 15, 2027. No late entries will be accepted.

Other requirements and rules

23. No copyrighted materials may be used for the contest.
24. Artwork and the short-written composition must not contain personal information, including names, addresses, photographs or other details that could identify the student.
25. Upon submission, the artwork will become the property of Alberta Education and Childcare and all copyright in and to the artwork is transferred and assigned to the Government of Alberta, represented by the Minister of Alberta Education and Childcare.
26. Students or parents or legal guardians grant Alberta Education and Childcare the right to use, reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform and/or display the student's name and their artwork without compensation or notification to the student. It is required that the student and their parent or legal guardian sign the Official entry and the Copyright licence, if the student is younger than 18 years of age.
27. Selected artwork and/or copies of it may be displayed at events and activities held by Alberta Education and Childcare and copies or original artwork may be presented to visiting foreign delegations by the Government of Alberta.
28. The artwork or parts of the artwork may be used by Alberta Education and Childcare for any advertisement, publication, promotion or any other purposes.
29. If Alberta Education and Childcare does not receive sufficient quantity or quality of artwork, Alberta Education and Childcare reserves the right not to award any prizes.
30. Any false information provided within the context of the contest by any student concerning information provided in the Official entry, Copyright licence or non-compliance with these rules and regulations may result in the immediate elimination of the student from the contest.
31. Alberta Education and Childcare reserves the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest for any reason without any prior notice to any student.

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32. The 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 or legal guardians (if the student is younger than 18 years of age).
33. Personal information and artwork will be securely stored and disposed of in accordance with applicable records retention requirements.
34. If it is necessary to change the contest rules for any reason, including to comply with applicable law, the revised version will be posted online at alberta.ca/think-globally-contest-my-global-passport and prize recipients will be notified before prizes are awarded.
35. By entering this contest, students agree to follow the Contest guidelines and the Contest rules.

For more information about contest guidelines and rules, please contact International Education Services at: intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca.

Submission checklist

A valid entry must include the following:

☐ original piece of artwork (8.5" x 11").

☐ short written composition written on a separate piece of paper.

☐ completed Official entry.

☐ completed Copyright licence.

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

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

For digital submissions, please scan all items required for a valid entry and email to: intl.ed.sec@gov.ab.ca.

When emailing, please use the following naming convention in the subject line: **My Global Passport/Last name/First name**. Please attach all documents as PDFs.

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