

The Ukrainian ARTifacts Contest

Contest Guide and Entry Package



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Contest Overview

Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 students residing in Alberta and enrolled in the Ukrainian bilingual programs and language and culture courses are invited to participate in the Ukrainian ARTifacts Contest. For more than 130 years, Ukrainian culture and heritage has meaningfully contributed to Alberta's rich multicultural landscape, and today, the experiences of Ukrainians reflect journeys of perseverance, cultural continuity, and community building. This Contest invites students to create a drawing or painting of an artifact found in Alberta that represents Ukrainian culture and heritage.

Contest Guidelines

- **Artifact Selection:** choose one artifact found in Alberta that represents Ukrainian culture and heritage.
 - An artifact is a physical object that can be seen and touched, like a piece of furniture, pottery, clothing, jewelry, traditional food etc.
 - An artifact can be from the past or present. It may have historical significance or be relevant today.
 - An artifact can carry personal meaning and sentimental value, especially when passed down through generations.
 - Consider choosing an artifact from historical sites and museums, or from personal experiences, family history, community events, or cultural celebrations.
- **Inspiration and Research:** learn about the meaning and history of the artifact and how it represents Ukrainian culture and heritage.
- **Artifact Illustration:** create a drawing or painting of the artifact on 11"x17" paper (*A3, Tabloid or Ledger*).
 - In the background, consider including images and symbols that reflect its meaning and history.
- **Description of Artwork:** write a short description of the artifact and explain how it represents Ukrainian culture and heritage (see Official Entry Form).

How will top selected student artwork be recognized?

- Top selected students will receive a prize package.
- Top selected artwork may be displayed at various Ukrainian festivals in Alberta and other community events.
- Top selected artwork may be used to create promotional materials, and may be presented as gifts, by the Government of Alberta, to visiting international delegates.

Did you know?

- The [Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch](#) has been operating for 80 years and houses thousands of artifacts that represent Ukrainian culture and heritage from the past and present.
- In 2024/25, more than 1500 students were enrolled in Ukrainian bilingual programs and language and culture courses.
- International education is the sum of all programs and initiatives that promote an understanding of the differences and connections among the world's people.
- More information about international education in Alberta can be found at: alberta.ca/international-education.

Rules and Regulations

Eligibility

1. The Contest is open to all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students residing in Alberta who are enrolled in the Ukrainian bilingual or Ukrainian language and culture programs.
2. To enter the Contest, the student must submit an original piece of artwork, the Official Entry Form, and Copyright License. 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 License.

The Artwork

4. The artwork must be the student's original artwork.
5. The artwork must feature one artifact found in Alberta that represents Ukrainian culture and heritage from the past and/or present. For the purpose of the Contest, an artifact is a physical object that you can see and touch, like furniture, pottery, clothing or jewelry.
6. The artwork can be a drawing, painting, or a combination thereof.
7. The artwork can be created digitally, by hand, or a combination thereof.
8. The artwork must be 11"x17" (28 cm x 43 cm) in dimension. *A3, Tabloid or Ledger* paper is acceptable.
9. The artwork must be respectful and considerate of all individuals and groups. Entries with profanity, slang, stereotypes, or any other form of offensive texts or visuals will be disqualified.
10. The artwork must be accompanied by a brief description written by the student (see Official Entry Form). The written component carries a weight of 15% towards the overall evaluation.

Selection of Awards

11. Artwork that fulfills the rules and regulations will be reviewed by judges chosen by Alberta Education and Childcare.
12. 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
13. The artwork will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - aesthetic assessment;
 - compliance with the Contest theme;
 - clarity of message;
 - entry description;
 - creativity; and
 - originality of the ideas.
14. One Contest winner and two honourable mentions may be selected from each grade category and awarded a prize package.
15. 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.

16. Alberta Education and Childcare may contact the Contest winners to obtain a photograph of the student, without further compensation, 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 properly completed Official Entry Form and Copyright License (if applicable) shall be considered a valid entry.
18. Individual students must submit entries. Group entries will not be accepted.
19. Only one contest submission is allowed 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 corrupt, damaged or did not transmit properly.
22. Entries, **including entries submitted by mail**, must be received by the International Education Services Branch by **Friday, March 13, 2026**.

Disclaimer

23. No copyrighted materials may be used for the Contest.
24. Upon submission, the artwork becomes the sole property of Alberta Education and Childcare and all copyright in and to the artwork is transferred and assigned to Alberta Education and Childcare.
25. Students or parents/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 further compensation or notification to the student.
26. Winning artwork and/or copies of it may be displayed in events and activities held by Alberta Education and Childcare and be presented to visiting foreign delegations by the Government of Alberta.
27. The artwork or parts of the artwork may be used by Alberta Education and Childcare for any advertisement, publication, promotion, or any other purposes.
28. If Alberta Education and Childcare does not receive pieces of artwork of sufficient quantity or quality, Alberta Education and Childcare reserves the right not to award any prizes.
29. Any false information provided within the context of the Contest by any student concerning information provided in the Official Entry Form, the Copyright License, or non-compliance with these rules and regulations may result in the immediate elimination of the student from the Contest.
30. 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.
31. 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.
32. 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: ukrainiancontest@gov.ab.ca

Submission Checklist

A valid entry must include the following:

- original piece of artwork (11" x 17"),
- completed Official Entry Form (with a completed description section), and
- completed Copyright License.

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

Nataliia Naiavko
The Ukrainian Language Advisor
Alberta Education and Childcare
International Education Services Branch
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 send to: ukrainiancontest@gov.ab.ca

When emailing, please use the following naming convention in the subject line: The Ukrainian ARTifacts Contest/last name/first name. **Please attach all documents as PDF.**

Entries, **including entries submitted by mail**, must be received by the International Education Services Branch by **Friday, March 13, 2026**. No late entries will be accepted.

Official Entry Form

The personal information collected through the Ukrainian ARTifacts Contest Official Entry Form is for the purpose of determining students' eligibility to participate in the Contest and for fulfilling the operating activities of the Ukrainian ARTifacts Contest. This collection is authorized by section 4(c) of the *Protection of Privacy Act*. For questions about the collection of personal information, contact the Ukrainian Language Advisor with International Education Services at 780-427-2035, by email at ukrainiancontest@gov.ab.ca, 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	
ARTWORK DESCRIPTION					
Identify the artifact by providing its name, where it exists in Alberta (e.g. home, farm, museum etc.), the creator (if known), and any important details about its history or use. Then, explain how it represents Ukrainian culture and heritage (up to 10 sentences):					

Declaration (Please Print)

I, _____, (name of student OR name of parent/legal guardian for student younger than 18 years of age) confirm that:

- I have read and understand the Contest rules and regulations,
- I will follow the Contest rules and regulations, and
- The information on the Official Entry Form is true and correct on the date it was submitted.

Full Name of Student _____

Signature _____

Date _____

If Student is under 18 years of age:

Full Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Copyright License

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