



# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

# **STUDENT ART CONTEST**

## 2023 OFFICIAL RULES

### **General Information:**

The rules and regulations included here apply to the City of Cape Coral's 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Art Contest. The competition is open to all City of Cape Coral residents currently enrolled in Kindergarten - 12th Grade. Contestants will be split into three groups: Contestants grades K - 5th Grade, 6th - 8th Grade, and 9th - 12th Grade. Artwork must be the creation of a single student. Students may not collaborate on an entry.

The theme of this art contest is "Hurricane Preparedness." This contest intends to foster a culture of preparation and resilience amongst residents of Cape Coral. Artwork will be judged on its relevance to the theme, creativity, and quality. One (1) winner will be selected from each contestant age group (K - 5th Grade, 6th - 8th Grade, 9th - 12th Grade).

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Artwork can be **no larger** than 26 inches high and 26 inches wide. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Accepted mediums for the two-dimensional artwork are as follows:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

Each entry must be **original** in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.

Photos of artwork will be submitted via an online form. Artwork must be uploaded in an approved format (jpg, png, or pdf). Contestants must keep the physical copies until the end of the submission window. Upon the submission window closing, City of Cape Coral employees will notify winners and obtain the physical copy of the artwork. Selected artwork will then be displayed in various locations throughout the City and may be utilized for promotional material for the 2023 Hurricane Season. Winners will also be recognized at a City of Cape Coral Regular Council Meeting.

## **Guidelines:**

Artwork that does not comply with all local and state rules, ordinances, codes, statutes, laws, and regulations will be excluded/deemed ineligible.

## **Student Information and Release Form:**

Each entrant must submit their information and release of art through the 2023 Hurricane Preparedness Art Competition online form. This form will be shared on the City of Cape Coral's social media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, etc.). The information requested in this form should be provided as thoroughly as possible.

The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work. For example, "self-portrait" or "a picture of two people" would be unacceptable since many pieces of artwork would fit those descriptions. The following is an example of a helpful description: "A painting of two people; the person on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the person on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet."

The online form also includes a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution. If the applicant is not over 18, a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.

