



GADSDEN COUNTY  
**black history month**  
*Celebrating*  
**African Americans & Labor**

**Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future” African Americans and Labor  
Gadsden County Commissioners and School Board Inaugural Black History Month Art Contest  
K-3 Official Rules and Guidelines**

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County School Board Inaugural Black History Month “Remembering the Past, Celebrating the Future African Americans and Labor” art contest is open to all K-3 students who reside in Gadsden County.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Each contestant must be a legal resident of Gadsden County and attend any Florida school in grades K-3 (including public, charter, private, home, or virtual) at the time of his/her entry.

**ENTRY DATES:** Entries must be mailed or personally delivered to the Gadsden County Public Information Office, 9-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, by 5 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2025. Emailed or faxed entries will not be accepted. Contestants are responsible for all shipping costs.

**WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025.**

**Entry Form:** The student must provide all required information requested on the entry form, which must be legible. The student and parent/legal guardian are required to read and understand these rules in order to submit the entry form in its entirety. The entry form includes a release and certification that a parent or guardian must sign.

Create an art piece inspired by this year’s theme:

## **AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR**

**Artwork:** Student must submit original, two-dimensional artwork.

**Entry:** Artwork should reflect the history of African American labor in Gadsden County.

**Winners:** Five winners will receive a \$100 gift card.

1. Student artwork must be original and created by only the student. Artwork may not be drawn from any existing artwork (photograph, advertisement, etc.) not created by the student.
2. Student artwork must measure 8” by 11” and be created using any two-dimensional medium, including:
  - a) drawing (pencil, ink, crayon, graphite, etc.)
  - b) painting (pastel, watercolor, spray paint, oils, etc.) Each student may enter only one submission to this contest.

**Labeling Requirements:** Each submission must have the entry form attached. A copy of the completed entry form must also be attached to the back of the artwork.



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**Transfer of Rights:** Each applicant and his/her parent or guardian must agree to give all rights to the submitted artwork, including copyright, to the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Board of Education. This transfer of rights will allow the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Board of Education, at a minimum, to reproduce, distribute, and display your artwork. The winner's submission will be duplicated in various mediums and used to promote Black History Month throughout the County. This means that when you submit your artwork to participate in this contest, your artwork will become the property of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Board of Education and will not be returned.

**Public Disclosure:** The Florida Public Records Act, located in Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, generally requires that all activities, including this contest, are open to the public. Therefore, all aspects of your involvement in this contest, including your artwork, will be subject to public disclosure.

Once the winners are announced, the decision is final.

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K-3 Entry Form**

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF ENTRY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN CELL PHONE NUMBER:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNTY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ART CONTEST CHECKLIST**

ARTWORK

COMPLETED, LEGIBLE ENTRY FORM

SIGNED PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN WAIVER

ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE GADSDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025



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**RELEASE STATEMENT:**

As the parent/legal guardian of the child submitting artwork, I acknowledge that my child has created the artwork and followed all contest guidelines and regulations. Should my child win the art contest, I agree to allow the submitted artwork to be publicly distributed. I also understand that if it is discovered that my child's artwork is not original, it will be disqualified.

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian), hereby certify the following:

I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name of Student, hereafter referred to as "my child").

My child is currently enrolled in a Florida elementary school (grades K-3), including public, charter, private, home, or virtual school, and is a legal resident of Gadsden County, Florida.

I give permission for my child to enter his/her artwork in the Gadsden County Commissioners and School Board Inaugural 2025 Black History Month Art Contest.

I understand that all rights to the submitted artwork, including copyright, will be owned by the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Board of Education, and not by me or my child. This transfer of rights allows them to reproduce, distribute, and display the artwork as deemed appropriate.

I grant the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Board of Education permission to use my child's name, photograph, voice, video image, biographical information, and artwork for promotional purposes in print, radio, television, and online promotion, without compensation or prior notice.

I agree to release and hold harmless the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Board of Education, including their employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising/promotional agencies, from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses of any kind arising from my child's participation in this contest, including intellectual property rights infringement. The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners and the Gadsden County Board of Education and their employees, officers, affiliates, agents, and advertising/promotional agencies assume no responsibility or liability for any damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses related to this contest.

I have read and understand the official rules of the contest, and I certify that my child has followed these rules and is eligible to participate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/ LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE