

## **Explore & More Children's Museum Artwork Contest**

### **Official Contest Rules**

1. The Explore & More Children's Museum Artwork Contest (the "Contest") is sponsored by Explore & More Children's Museum ("Sponsor"). These Official Contest Rules (the "Rules") govern the Contest, which is designed to solicit from eligible participants the submission of artwork depicting a city scape, country/farm scape, and/or water scape.
2. The Contest is open to legal residents of the United States and Canada who are age 12 or younger as of the date of entry. No purchase is necessary to enter the Contest. To enter the Contest, an entry form (available at 300 Gleed Ave., East Aurora, NY 14052 during normal hours of operation or online at <http://exploreandmore.org>) must be completed and signed by the entrant's parent or legal guardian and the artwork must be received by Sponsor **no later than June 15, 2018**. The entry form and eligible artwork may be submitted by scanning and emailing them to [info@exploreandmore.org](mailto:info@exploreandmore.org) or by personally delivering them to Sponsor at 300 Gleed Ave., East Aurora, NY 14052 during normal hours of operation. No mail-in submissions will be accepted. For emailed submissions, the entrant must keep the original artwork and provide the same to Sponsor if selected as a winner. Artwork must be on an unlined sheet of paper size 9 x 12 and must be hand drawn using only markers and/or crayons. Each entry is to depict only one of a city scape, country/farm scape, or water scape. Multiple entries are permitted provided that a separate entry form is completed and submitted for each.
3. All entries become the exclusive property of Sponsor and will not be returned. Sponsor shall not be responsible or liable for any entries that are not timely received or that are incomplete. Sponsor will not confirm or acknowledge receipt of any entry or notify entrants if their submissions are incomplete. Proof of submission of an entry will not be deemed proof of receipt by Sponsor.
4. Sponsor may prohibit entrants from participating in the Contest at its sole discretion if an entrant attempts to circumvent these Rules, or acts in a manner that affects the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the Contest. By entering the Contest, entrant agrees to be bound by these Rules.
5. All entries must be the entrant's original artwork and must not have been previously produced or published. If it is determined by Sponsor at any time that any element of the entrant's artwork does not meet the foregoing criteria or infringes or otherwise violates the rights of any other person or entity or otherwise violates these Rules, the entrant will be disqualified.
6. After an entry is submitted, it may be made available for viewing on Sponsor's website, social media sites and through other means. By participating in the contest, each entrant grants Sponsor the right to (a) use and publish such entrant's first name and last initial, photo, and biographical information, in all media (now known or hereafter developed) for advertising and promotional purposes, without compensation, (b) to reproduce, publish and copyright the artwork in all media (now known or hereafter developed) for any purpose, without compensation; and (c) use such entrant's name, address, and email address to contact entrant's parent or legal guardian regarding the Contest.

7. Eligible entries will be judged based on the following criteria: originality, creativity, technique, and use of required theme. A panel of Sponsor's employees and representatives shall serve as the judges for the Contest. The judges will select one winning entry for each of the city scape, country/farm scape, and water scape categories. The judges' decision is final, binding and not subject to appeal.
8. The winning entry for each category will have their artwork reproduced as one of the available backdrops for use in connection with Sponsor's "puppet porch" exhibit. Sponsor reserves the right to make edits and modifications to the winners' artwork in Sponsor's reasonable discretion in connection with such reproduction. The winners' first name, last initial and age/grade will be displayed either on the backdrop or near the exhibit. Sponsor reserves the right to cease using one or more of the backdrops and/or to modify and/or cease use of the "puppet porch" exhibit at any time in its sole discretion.
9. The entrants who submit the winning entries will be notified following the selection. If a winner cannot be contacted within ten (10) days or is determined to be ineligible, he or she will be disqualified.
10. The winners' parents or legal guardians agree to execute an affidavit of eligibility, liability release, and publicity release and return such materials to Sponsor within ten (10) days of receipt. Failure to return these materials within this time period will result in disqualification and the judges will select another entrant as the winner from the applicable category.
11. The winner's first name and last initial for each category may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: **Explore & More Artwork Contest, Winner's List**, 300 Gleed Ave., East Aurora, NY 14052. Requests must be received within ninety (90) days of the selection of the winners.
12. Personal information will be collected solely through entry forms. Personal information is used solely to qualify and notify the winners of the Contest and to announce the winners of the Contest. The information will not be used to send or direct solicitations or advertising to entrant without the entrant's consent.
13. The immediate family members of the directors, officers or employees of Sponsor are not eligible to enter the Contest.
14. Sponsor and its directors, officers and employees shall not be liable for any claims, losses, harm, injuries, damages or expenses relating to or resulting from anyone's participation in the Contest from any cause.
15. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest.
16. This Contest is governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to conflicts of laws. This Contest is void where restricted or prohibited by law. Entrant agrees that any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of, or connected with, this Contest shall be resolved exclusively by a court within the United States District Court for the Western District of New York or the appropriate New York State court.