



Eligibility

Any LCPS student in grades K-12 may participate.

Judging and Winners

- A panel of judges will review entries by school.
- A finalist will be selected from each level, K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
- A Best-in-Show winner will be named out of all finalists.
- All finalists' artwork will be featured on the LCPS School Nutrition Services website.

Finalists will receive:

- 1 Best-in-Show finalist will receive their artwork published in the spring 2017 Loudoun Farm Tours marketing campaign.
- The winners from each level will have their artwork featured on the School Nutrition website and will also have their posters reprinted for the cafeteria at their home school.
- All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

Artwork Theme

The theme for the 2016 Farm to School Art Contest is [What Farm to School Means to Me](#). We want to see what this topic inspires in you, whether you think of a school garden, the local farms, eating local food at school, etc. We want your artwork to tell the story!

Any of the following media or techniques may be used:

- Paint (watercolor, tempera, poster, acrylic, etc.)
- Drawing materials (charcoal, colored chalk, pastels, oil pastels, pencil)
- Collage materials (such as construction paper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, etc.)
- Original digital illustration
- Students are encouraged to use bold colors and strong lines in their work.

Judging Criteria

The panel of esteemed judges will review all submissions based on the following criteria:

- Interpretation of the theme
- Technical skill
- Originality

Copyright Law

Any artwork that depicts copyrighted images will be rejected. For example, no artwork containing characters from movies, books, video games, etc. will be accepted. All artwork must be original ideas and created entirely by the student.

Submission of Artwork

1. Create a digital image of your artwork by either of these methods:

- Scan your artwork.
- Take a digital photograph of your artwork. Save your digital photo at the largest size possible that does not exceed 1 MB. For example, a 5" x 7" digital photograph of your artwork should be large enough for judges to see detail while still being smaller than 6 MB. If your digital image is larger than 6 MB, you can use a photo editing program (such as Photoshop or Microsoft Office Picture Manager) to resize it by either lowering the resolution (DPI) or by shrinking the image dimensions. You can also change the settings on your scanner or digital camera to create an image with a lower resolution.
- Another way to resize your photo is to use an image optimizer, such as www.imageoptimizer.net
Use the following settings:
 - Quality: Normal
 - Max Width: 1200
 - Max Height: 900

2. Save your digital image as a .jpg using the following file name and type:

[your last name]_[school]_grade.jpg **Example: Dove_Hillside_5.jpg**

3. Upload and send your file along with the **Student Contest Release Form** to **Stefanie Dove** (Stefanie.Dove@LCPS.org) and give us a brief description of your artwork. Your artwork must be uploaded no later than October 30 to be eligible for the contest.

4. Students also have the option to send their original artwork along with the **Student Contest Release Form** directly to the school nutrition office. Entries must be mailed flat or rolled in a tube - no folding, please. If mailing flat, we recommend you use cardboard or a similar material to protect artwork during mailing. Please send to:

Loudoun County School Nutrition Services

Attn: Stefanie Dove

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