



Seeds to Success: The Louisiana Farm to School Art Contest




Help us celebrate Farm to School Month and Louisiana Agriculture! Have your students create artwork for the 2024 Louisiana Farm to School Calendar, which features fun facts about agriculture in our state.

Artwork should feature Louisiana Agriculture.

THIRTEEN entries will be chosen to illustrate the 2024 Louisiana Farm to School calendar. All Louisiana public and private school students in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth are eligible to participate. The Louisiana Farm to School Art Contest will begin on October 1 and submissions will be accepted until November 1.

Entry Details

Artwork entries MUST reflect the theme of “**What Farm to School Means to Me.**” Below are a few suggested ideas:

-  **Showcase fresh, local food from seed to plate**
This could be celebrating the Satsuma Peel, a taste test, or sharing a meal. Celebrate your school or cafeteria heroes.
-  **Illustrate growing or enjoying a farm or garden**
Artwork may include farm visits, sprouting seedlings, transplanting, harvesting, or having fun.
-  **Celebrate your food cultures, learning about food and agriculture, or participating in a farm to school activity**
This could include how food and agriculture shape the way people live, feel and connect with their families and communities.

Students’ artwork must be original and done completely by the student. Do not use ruled notebook paper.

Markers, crayons, watercolor, ink, pencil, acrylic, tempera paint, chalk (spray with sealant) or colored pencils can be used. Mixed media art is acceptable. **No 3-dimensional art (unless flat), paint-by-number, commercial art kits, or computer-generated art.**

Words included on the art must be spelled correctly and legible, or work will be disqualified. Student names should not be written on the front. The theme does not need to be written on the artwork. Do not write on the backside with a marker or pen as it will show through when scanned and may cause the artwork to be disqualified.

SIZE: Entries must be 11 x 8.5 inches or 9 x 12 inches. Only pictures with a **horizontal (landscape)** orientation will be accepted.

Entries must be flat. Do not fold, matte, mount, laminate or frame art. Use of cartoon characters and logos is not acceptable.

Entry Submissions

All entries must be **received (not postmarked) by November 1, 2023**. Only one entry per artist. There is no limit to the number of entries per school.

Original artwork may be submitted by either the teacher or parent. Submissions can be dropped off during the Louisiana Farm to School conference on October 11th at Pennington Biomedical Conference Center or submitted via mail. An official entry form or copy **MUST** be completed and securely taped to the back of each entry. Please do not staple or glue forms to artwork. Make sure each entry is filled out completely and that writing is legible. Artwork will not be returned. If you plan to mail in submissions, please send our team an email at louisianafarmtoschool@agcenter.lsu.edu letting us know you've mailed your artwork.

Mail artwork to:

LA Farm to School Program
Attn: Jacey Welsey
40048 Trace Ave.
Prairieville, LA 70769

Judging

Three winners will be selected within four grade groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Teachers will be notified of the results **by December 2023**.

Awards

A certificate of participation will be emailed to teachers for them to complete and distribute to all students who enter. The top three winners from each grade group and one Best of Show will be selected. These thirteen students will be featured in the 2024 Louisiana Farm to School Calendar. Winners, finalists and honorable mentions will appear on www.seedstosuccess.com.

The Calendar

All teachers who have student winners will receive a copy of the 2024 calendar. School Nutrition Directors will be given the opportunity to pre-order calendars for their school district before January. Every effort will be made to meet requests, but quantities are limited. Additional calendars will be available through LSU AgCenter on a first-come, first serve basis.

Questions?

If you have questions, please email cbesse@agcenter.lsu.edu or louisianafarmtoschool@agcenter.lsu.edu.

All entries will become the property of the LSU AgCenter and will not be returned. LSU AgCenter reserves the right to publish entries in future publications without additional compensation, in any manner and at its sole discretion in all advertising materials. A parent/guardian of winning artists will be asked to sign a consent form for art to be used. If a consent form is not signed in a timely manner, another entry will be chosen in its place and any award will be forfeited.

We cannot wait to see your entries and hope this contest inspires you to capture and share your best farm to school moments with the world!

COPY THIS ENTRY FORM

ENTRY FORM (Please Type or Print CLEARLY)

One entry per student. This form must accompany each piece of artwork. Please TAPE - not glue or staple - form to back of art

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____
Teacher's Full Name: _____ Parish: _____

School Name: _____
School Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
Zip: _____ Teacher Email: _____
School Phone: _____

By submitting your entry, you agree to the contest conditions.



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