

Contest Rules/Guidelines

Chester County students in grades 6th through 12th are invited to submit designs for a proposed mural to be displayed on the exterior of the Chester Farmer's and Artisan's Market building. Final submissions will be judged by a panel of artists from Chester and surrounding areas. The theme for the mural(s) will be "Picture Chester" and should reflect a knowledge of the past and/or present history, culture, activities within the building and/or in Chester.

Through this project students will learn about real life application of art and design, about community based art projects, and about creating site specific artworks, cultural heritage, and local history as well as other art production skills and techniques.

Participating students are encouraged to learn more about the history of Chester and the market building as well as to actually visit the Farmer's & Artisan's Market building as they brainstorm ideas for their final designs.

- Open to Chester County students in grades 6th through 12th grade in public, private, or home school.
- Students must submit original works of art that have not been copied from published photographs, cartoons/characters or clipart.
- Students may use colored pencils, watercolors, markers, acrylic paints, or digital imaging to create their designs/artwork keeping in mind that the final design will be a painting.
- Entries must be completed in a vertical (portrait) 1:2 size ratio format *without* a mat or frame. For example: 9"x18", 8"x16", and 5"x10", would all be acceptable sizes. (Do not submit images larger than 18" or smaller than 5").
- There should be *no* signatures or initials on the front of the artwork. A completed Entry Form must be attached to the back of the artwork. This includes a title for their artwork and a description of how their artwork demonstrates the contest theme.
- Artwork must be postmarked by February 24, 2016 and addressed to Attention: C. Curtis, 110 West End Street Chester, SC 29706

*All submitted designs will be considered for a collage display for the interior of the market. Entry into the contest is not a guarantee that your design will be selected for the final mural or included in the final display of submitted artworks. The mural committee reserves the right to reject any entries deemed inappropriate or not representative of the theme in a positive way. All submitted artworks will become the property of the City of Chester and may be altered to fit the space, and/or used for other promotional purposes.

Visual Arts Learning Standards addressed by this project:

SC Visual and Performing Art Standards

Standard 6: The student will make connections between the visual arts and other arts disciplines, other content areas, and the world.

Standard 3: The student will examine the content of works of visual art and use elements from them in creating his or her own works.

VAH2-3.3 Select and effectively use subject matter, symbols, and ideas to communicate meaning through his or her artworks.

National Visual Arts Standards

Presenting (visual arts): Interpreting and sharing artistic work.

Producing (media arts): Realizing and presenting artistic ideas and work.

Anchor Standard #4. Analyze, interpret, and select artistic work for presentation.

Anchor Standard #5. Develop and refine artistic work for presentation.

Anchor Standard #6. Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.

Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.

Anchor Standard #10. Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.

Anchor Standard #11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural and historical context to deepen understanding.

- For more SC Standards: <https://ed.sc.gov/agency/ccr/Standards-Learning/VisualandPerformingArts.cfm>

- For more National Art Standards at: <http://www.nationalartsstandards.org/content/national-core-arts-standards-anchor-standards#connecting>