



## Recycled Art Contest for Grades K – 12

### “WILD for Recycling!”

#### Contest Rules

Keep Allen Beautiful is sponsoring a Recycled Art Contest themed, “WILD for Recycling!” Students in K – 12 are invited to participate who are enrolled in the Allen ISD, PLUS homeschooled students who reside within the city limits of Allen, AND students who are enrolled in the Plano ISD or Lovejoy ISD who reside within the city limits of Allen.

- For grades K – 8, students must participate as individuals, not work in groups. **One entry per student.**
- For grades 9 – 12, students may participate as individuals and/or as part of a group. **One entry per individual student and one entry per group.**
- Students’ names must NOT be visible on the front of their artwork.
- **An entry form must be completed and submitted with the artwork.**
- Take a clear picture of the artwork and submit it to the email listed below. If submitting pictures of sculptures, take at least two pictures from different angles.
- Pictures of the artwork and entry form should be submitted to [ContestKAB@gmail.com](mailto:ContestKAB@gmail.com) no later than **5 pm on January 10, 2025.**
- Artwork will be judged by Keep Allen Beautiful Board Members, along with select City Staff. The top 3 winners in each grade category will be recognized during an awards ceremony on January 30, 2025, at 6:30 pm, in the Council Chambers at Allen City Hall, and will receive certificates and gift cards. Winners will be notified through email on or before January 27, 2025.
- Artwork may also be judged by friends and family for “Most Popular” in the combined categories of K – 4, 5 – 8, and 9 – 12. Instructions and dates for online voting will be sent through email. The “Most Popular” winners will be recognized at the awards ceremony and will receive a certificate.
- Additional contest rules are included in the descriptions below by grade.

**Grades K – 1 Prizes – Gift Cards per grade of \$15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), \$20 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and \$25 (1<sup>st</sup> Place)**

- Students in Grade 1 – 2 will color a picture provided by Keep Allen Beautiful of a racoon inside a recycling truck entitled, “WILD for Recycling!” They should review Page 9 in the City’s Trash & Recycling Guidelines. They should think about items that can be recycled in the City’s Program. **They may not glue anything to the page.** They may use crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
- Judging criteria will include:
  - 25% Creative Use of Color
  - 25% Neatness
  - 25% Reflecting the Theme including items found in the City’s Recycling Program
  - 25% Overall Presentation and Aesthetics

**Grade 2 - 4: Prizes – Gift Cards per grade of \$15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), \$20 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and \$25 (1<sup>st</sup> Place)**

- Students in Grade 2 – 4 will create/draw a picture on an 8 ½” x 11” sheet of paper with the theme in mind of “WILD for Recycling!” They should also use as inspiration items that can be found in the City’s Recycling Program. They should review Page 9 in the City’s Trash & Recycling Guidelines. **They may not glue anything to the page, but instead must draw pictures and words.** They may use crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
- Judging criteria will include:
  - 25% Creative Use of Color
  - 25% Neatness
  - 25% Reflecting the Theme including items found in the City’s Recycling Program
  - 25% Overall Presentation and Aesthetics

**Grade 5 – 8: Prizes – Gift Cards per grade of \$15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Place), \$20 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), and \$25 (1<sup>st</sup> Place)**

- Students in Grades 5 – 8 should create a sculpture utilizing materials that can be recycled in the City’s Recycling Program. **Do not use trash, only recycling.** They should review Page 9 in the City’s Trash & Recycling Guidelines. **They may also use materials from their home recycling carts.** Please do not purchase “new” material at the store unless it is a poster board or foam board to use as a base for the sculpture. Sculpture should be no larger than 15” x 15” x 25”, approximately the size of a small recycle bin. Students may use glue, wire, tape, twine or string, or any other adhesive method to create their sculpture. If using paper mache, it is difficult to determine what recycled materials are used in the construction of the structure. For paper mache only, students

must list all of the recycled materials used on the Entry Form. Remember that 25% of the judging is based on the creative use of recycled materials, so the more you incorporate the better.

- Judging criteria will include:
  - 25% Creative Use of Recycled Materials
  - 25% Reflecting the Theme of “WILD for Recycling!”
  - 25% Craftsmanship
  - 25% Overall Presentation and Aesthetics

**Grades 9 – 12: Individual Prizes with grades combined: Gift Cards of \$20 (3rd Place), \$35 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), \$50 (1st Place); Group Prizes: Only One Group Winner with prize value of up to \$10 per student in the group. Prize to be determined with input from teacher and winning students.**

- Students in Grades 9 – 12 may submit work as individuals and/or in groups. Be sure to list all names on the entry form.
  - **Option 1:** Students may create a sculpture of materials that can be recycled in the City’s Program. **Do not use trash, only recycling.** They should review Page 9 in the City’s Trash & Recycling Guidelines. **They may also use materials from their home recycling carts.** Please do not purchase “new” material at the store unless it is a poster board or foam board to use as a base for the sculpture. Sculpture should be no larger than 15” x 15” x 25”, approximately the size of a small recycle bin. Students may use glue, wire, tape, twine or string, or any other adhesive method to create their sculpture.
  - **Option 2:** Students may create a drawing OR composite visual art of material that can be recycled in the City’s Program, no smaller than 8 ½” x 11” and no larger than 18” x 24”. They should review Page 9 in the City’s Trash & Recycling Guidelines. Students may use colored pencils, charcoal, crayons, paint or markers for the poster. If composite visual art, at least 60% must be original, hand-drawn/painted art and up to 40% may be from composite materials such as recyclables (including cartons). Students may use glue, wire, tape, twine or string, or any other adhesive method to create their artwork.
- Judging Criteria will include:
  - 25% Creative Use or Representation of Recycled Materials
  - 25% Reflecting the Theme of “WILD for Recycling!”
  - 25% Craftsmanship for Sculpture OR Creative Use of Color for Drawings
  - 25% Overall Presentation and Aesthetics

If you have questions, please contact Andrea Smith, Environmental Education Specialist, City of Allen, [asmith@cityofallen.org](mailto:asmith@cityofallen.org) or 214.509.4552.