

**2015 Education Law Conference
Bridging the Gap:
Promoting Equity and Achieving Excellence**



Art Contest Rules

In conjunction with our 2015 Education Law Conference, Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) would like to promote equity and excellence in education by sponsoring a statewide art contest for all junior and senior high school students enrolled in a public high school.

Art pieces will be displayed during the 2015 Education Law Conference on November 16, 2015, at the Stockton Hilton and on November 17, 2015 at the Cerritos Sheraton. The five winning pieces will be on display in the firm's headquarter office in Cerritos and on the firm's website for one year.

I. Winning Entries:

The winning entries will be chosen by the following Educational Support Services (ESS) consultants: Joe Condon, Ed.D. (Retired Superintendent), Patricia Jaffe (Retired Superintendent), Kathy Kessler (Retired Superintendent), Michele Lawrence (Retired Superintendent), Alan Rasmussen, Ed.D. (Retired Superintendent), Mark Skvarna, Ph.D. (Retired Superintendent), Richard Tauer (Retired Superintendent) Penny Valentine (Consultant), Beverly Hempstead (Retired Superintendent), and David Gomez, Ed.D. (Retired Superintendent/AALRR Superintendent in Residency).

The five winners will receive a \$1,000 check and the winning students' school will receive a check for \$500 worth of art supplies from AALRR. The check will be mailed to the student's art teacher.

II. Contest Rules:

Students should create a work of art that visually captures the essence of bridging the gap and promoting equity and excellence—unique to their own perspective—in a celebratory fashion. Entrants will be critiqued on theme, execution, and creativity.

- All contestants must be in the 11th or 12th grade and enrolled in a public high school.
- Drawings must be solely the original work of the student entrant. Plagiarized entries will be immediately disqualified without any opportunity for resubmission.
- Entrants must submit only one entry.
- Paper to be used for the drawings must be no smaller than 8.5" x 11" and no larger than 11" x 17". Composition may be vertical or horizontal in orientation. Artists may use any colorful medium that includes markers, paints, pastels, colored pencils, or crayons. Pencil drawings are also acceptable.
- **ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE REGISTRATION FORM**

III. Contest Dates:

The contest entry period will officially begin on August 15, 2015 and end on November 1, 2015. **Entries must be received no later than November 1, 2015. Winners will be notified on November 11, 2015.**

IV. Submitting Entries:

All entries must be submitted to the following address:

Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR)
Attn: Keesha Clark, Conference Coordinator
12800 Center Court Drive, Suite 300
Cerritos, CA 90703

Entries may be mailed or hand delivered. AALRR does not assume responsibility for lost, late, misdirected, and illegible entry forms, all of which shall be disqualified.

V. Criteria for Judging:

Entries will be judged on originality and creativity used to capture and depict the contest theme.

VI. Disclaimer:

Upon submission, all entries shall become the property of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo and will not be returned. Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo reserves the right to display the student art at the 2015 Education Law Conference held at the Cerritos Sheraton and the Stockton Hilton, and in AALRR's offices. Award winners will be notified by November 11, 2015. Prizes are nontransferable. All prizes will be awarded. Winners will be solely responsible for any federal, state, or local taxes.

Drawings must be original, not in the public domain, and must not infringe or violate any law or the legal or equitable right of any person or entity, nor contain material that infringes or violates any personal property rights of others or that constitutes defamation, invasion of privacy, an infringement of the intellectual property rights of any third person, or is otherwise unlawful. By submitting a drawing, each student acknowledges his or her understanding of, and compliance with these rules. AALRR at their discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed inappropriate. AALRR shall not be responsible for any violation or infringement of the law, or infringement on the personal or intellectual property rights of any third party, by entrant and entrant shall agree to indemnify AALRR in the event of any such infringement or violation by entrant in connection with this contest.

Within 10 days of the date specified in the notification, winners and their parent/guardian, will be required to execute an affidavit of originality, eligibility, and compliance with rules, a release of liability, and a grant of promotional rights, or the prize will be awarded to an alternate winner. Winners must provide a street address where AALRR can mail the winners a publicity release, affidavit of eligibility, and, if applicable, a tax form.

All drawings and all rights to their reproduction become the property of AALRR. They may use, edit, and excerpt these entries for promotional or any other purpose, including placing them online without attribution or compensation, additional or otherwise. AALRR reserves the right to use winners' names and hometowns in any advertising or promotional materials relating to this competition without further notification, permission, or compensation to the winners, except where prohibited by law.