

eSTEAM Art Contest Details and Rules

- **Eligibility:** Contestant must be a student (kindergarten – 12th grade) in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee, or Kershaw counties. Public, private, and home school students may enter. There are four age groups: kindergarten - 2nd grade; 3rd-5th grade; 6th-8th grade; 9th-12th grade.
- **Entry Dates:** Participating students will submit entries on or before September 9th, 2026 in person or to www.esteamsumter.com.
- **Entry Form:** Student must provide all required information requested on the entry form (entry form must be legible). The student and a parent or guardian are required to read, understand, and complete the entry form in its entirety. The entry form includes a release and certification that must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- **Art Prompt:** Create an original design (hand-drawn or electronic) that captures what "Science Saves The Day: STEAMing to A Healthier Tomorrow" means to you.
- **Artwork:** Student must submit original, two-dimensional artwork. AI submissions are not allowed.
 - Student artwork must be original, created by only the student.
 - Student artwork can be created using any two-dimensional medium including:
 - Drawing (pencil, graphite, etc.) Drawing needs to be bold and clean. If using 11"w x 8.5"h size paper, it would be best for the drawing to take up the entire page.
 - Labeling Requirements: Each student must have the following information attached:
 - Student name
 - Teacher
 - School
 - Grade
- **Transfer of Rights:** Each applicant and his/her parent or guardian must agree to give all rights to the submitted artwork, including copyright, to Sumter Economic Development and Adams Outdoor Advertising. This transfer of rights will allow the sponsor of the contest, at a minimum, to reproduce, distribute, and display your artwork. The winner's submission will be duplicated in various mediums and used to promote the eSTEAM Festival throughout Sumter, Lee, Kershaw, and Clarendon counties.
- **Awards:** Each winner will receive a certificate, a small prize, and their winning design posted on a billboard in their home county. Our Art Contest Sponsor chooses the top 3 entries from each age group, and then the public votes for the winners at the eSTEAM Sumter Festival.
- Top 10 finalists in each grade level category will be announced and displayed at the eSTEAM Art Contest Reception & Exhibition to held on September 24, 2026 at the Sumter County Gallery of Art.

eSTEAM Sumter Festival Art Contest Entry Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____ School: _____

Title of entry: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Release Statement: As a parent or legal guardian, I acknowledge that my child created the submitted design and has followed all the guidelines and regulations stated above and on the eSTEAM Sumter Festival website. Should he or she win the art contest, I agree to allow the submitted artwork to be distributed publicly. I also understand that if it is discovered my child's artwork is not original, the artwork will be subject to disqualification.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Date