

KIDS COUNT IN MICHIGAN



**WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A
KID IN MICHIGAN?**

ACCEPTING ARTWORK FROM GRADES K - 12
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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: MARCH 4, 2019

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OFFICIAL DETAILS

The Michigan League for Public Policy is pleased to announce our 2019 *Kids Count in Michigan* Youth Art Contest, which is open to students from preschool through grade 12. The contest is an integral part of the *2019 Kids Count in Michigan Data Book*. For more background on the Kids Count Project, visit www.mlpp.org/kids-count/

Subject Matter

To be eligible, students' artwork must relate in some way to the question: "What's it like to be a kid in Michigan?"

The Kids Count book covers a variety of issues facing children and teens in our state, and though it is not required, artwork can relate to topics like:

Health

Nutrition

Safety

Friends

Family

Childcare

School

Career goals

Teen issues

Home life

Culture

Emotions

Food

Sports

Money

Jobs

Artwork

- Students' artwork must be original. Computer-generated images and traced images will not be judged. It is critical that submitted artwork not be overly derivative of images found on the Internet, in print media, or elsewhere. To avoid copyright infringement, works thought to be copies will be disqualified.
- Media: We can accept artwork done in crayon, ink, acrylics, oil paint, pastels, water color, colored pencils, scratchboard, color marker, chalk, pastels, charcoal, or paper collage. We cannot accept artwork done using plain black pencil or weak colored pencil.
- No lettering, words, signatures or any other markings may appear on the front of the artwork. This includes labeling the depicted species, writing one's name, or a signature. Lettering that is creatively incorporated into the art (such as a posted sign) is allowed. Submissions that include prohibited writing will not be judged.
- To ensure the image best represents your artwork, avoid including distracting background such as your hand (holding the art) or a frame/mat that reduces the overall image. Also, please orient the artwork in the correct direction before submitting.
- All artwork becomes the property of the Michigan League for Public Policy. Submission of the artwork grants the Michigan League for Public Policy a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to publish your student's/child's artwork in the Michigan League for Public Policy's editorial, educational, and promotional print and digital materials, in our promotional and educational posts to social media, and for all other lawful uses—including artwork print sales—in furtherance of the League's mission. All published artwork will be credited with a copyright notice in the following form: "© Artist's Name."

Submitting Artwork

- To enter the contest, click [here](#).
- Follow directions carefully and provide all information requested on the submission form.
- You must submit your artwork by March 4, 2019. Late entries will not be judged.

Judging

A panel of judges will select winners in four categories: **Grades Pre-K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12**. The grand prize winner will be selected from the four grade-level winners. In choosing the grand prize winner, judges pay particular attention to the concept or story that the artwork tells. We encourage artists to pay attention to the theme and to look at the 2018 *Kids Count in Michigan Data Book* to see the type of information this year's book will contain. Last year's data book can be found [here](#).

The art will be judged on four primary artistic elements:

- **Concept:** How well does the work relate to the *Kids Count in Michigan* theme?
- **Composition:** How well do the elements of line and form work together?
- **Color:** How does color enhance the artwork?
- **Expression:** How imaginatively does the work convey an idea or emotion?

Prizes

Grand Prize: The winner of the grand prize will receive a \$100 award. The winner will also receive an award certificate and their work will be featured in the 2019 *Kids Count in Michigan Data Book*.

Grade Category Winners: Each of the grade-level category winners will receive a \$25 prize and an award certificate and their work will be featured in the 2019 *Kids Count in Michigan Data Book*.

Honorable Mention Winners: Each of the honorable mention winners will receive an award certificate and their work will be featured in the 2019 *Kids Count in Michigan Data Book*.

About The Michigan League for Public Policy and the Kids Count Project

The Michigan League for Public Policy is a nonpartisan policy institute dedicated to economic opportunity for all. Founded in 1912, it is the only state-level organization that addresses poverty in a comprehensive way and analyzes the impact of state and federal budgets and policies on residents with low incomes. All of the League's work is done through a racial equity lens.

Kids Count in Michigan is part of a broad national effort to measure the well-being of children at the state and local levels, and use that information to shape efforts to improve the lives of children. The state project is part of a nationwide network of state projects supported by the Annie E. Casey Foundation of Baltimore, MD. Funding for the Michigan project is also provided by The Skillman Foundation, The Max M. and Marjorie S. Fisher Foundation, Steelcase Foundation, Michigan Education Association, American Federation of Teachers Michigan, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation, United Way for Southeastern Michigan, DTE Energy Foundation, Ford Motor Company Fund, Battle Creek Community Foundation and the Ruth Mott Foundation.