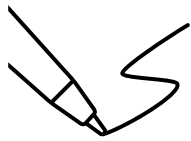


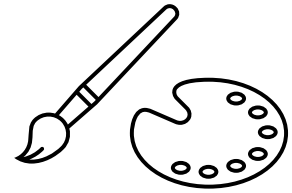


2025 Art Contest

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2025 ART CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES



Healthy Choices, Healthy Community:

Empowering and Engaging Wyandotte County through Artistic Expression

About the Art Contest

We're excited to launch a health-themed community art contest open to **adults and children ages 4 and up who live in Wyandotte County**. This initiative invites participants to express health and wellness through creative artwork. The contest aims to strengthen community involvement while raising awareness about essential health services and preventive practices, such as healthy eating, substance use prevention, and safe housing. It also aims to connect residents with local programs and resources to support better health outcomes across Wyandotte County. The contest is coordinated by the Wyandotte County Public Health Department in partnership with the Kansas City, Kansas Public Library and Bonner Springs City Library.

Winning artwork will be showcased in a 2026 Public Health Department Calendar. Thirteen winning artworks will be selected—one for each month of the year, plus a featured piece for the calendar cover. The calendar will serve as a year-long reminder and resource to local families about health and wellness information, upcoming public health department events or closures, appointments, and annual health observances, such as National Public Health Week, National Child Abuse Prevention month, etc. Calendars will be distributed to the contest winners, the public health department clients, and community partners to distribute at their locations.

We believe art can inspire change, tell a story, and be a powerful tool to educate and empower children, youth, families, and residents of all ages.

Eligibility

- Must live in Wyandotte County
- Ages 4 and up

Dates

- Start Date: July 1, 2025
- Deadline Submission: August 8, 2025

Design Requirements

1. Artist must create a piece of artwork that illustrates how promoting healthy habits and prevention can protect and improve the health of our community and its members. You may focus on one or more of the groups listed below. Consider any prevention topics that are important to you—here are the health and wellness themes to choose from:
 - Chronic Disease Prevention (diabetes prevention, screenings)
 - Environmental Health (avoiding exposure of pollutants, safe use of chemicals, importance of clean water and air, livable spaces)
 - Healthy Moms and Healthy Babies (prenatal care, breastfeeding, safety, home visiting)
 - Hygiene and Infectious Disease Prevention (hand washing, food safety, preventing the spread of germs)
 - Injury and Accident Prevention (home safety tips, use of helmets/seat belts/car seats, child proofing, safe sleep)



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- Mental Health and Wellbeing (techniques, coping skills, importance of social support)
 - Nutrition and Healthy Eating (balanced diet, portion control, reducing sugar and salt intake)
 - Physical Activity and Exercise (benefits, examples)
 - Sexual Health and Safe Practices (sexually transmitted infection prevention, contraceptive options, importance on regular check-ups)
 - Smoking Cessation and Tobacco Prevention (risks, strategies, resources)
 - Substance Abuse Prevention (risks, strategies, resources)
2. Artwork must be submitted as an original physical copy, 2 dimensional (no sculptures or other 3-dimensional artwork will be accepted), a square that is a minimum of 7 x 7 inches in size (maximum 20 x 20 inches). Artists may use the art supplies of their choice.

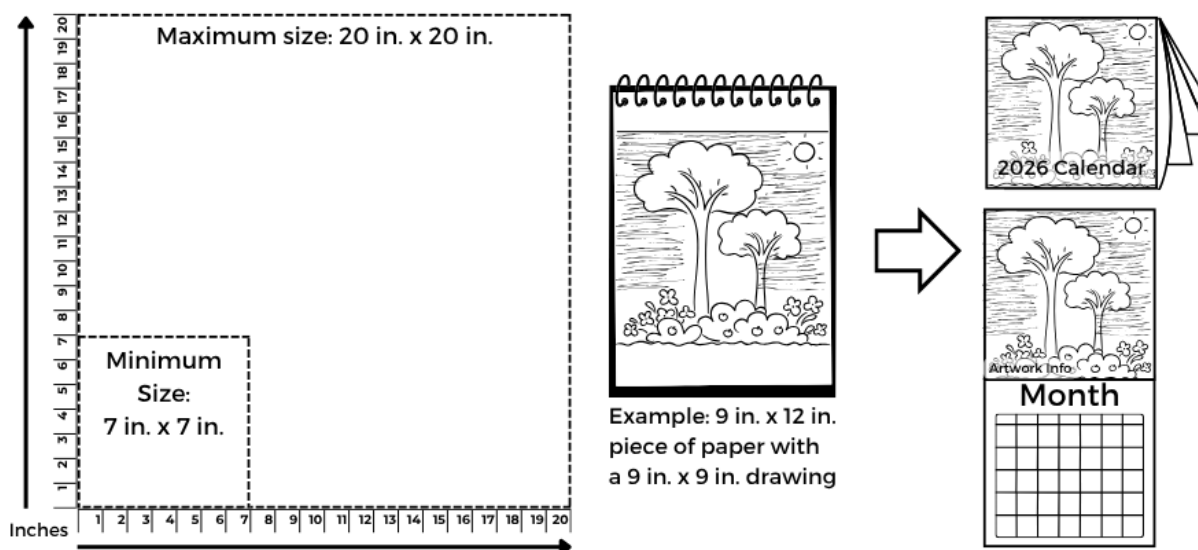


Diagram illustrating artwork dimensions, example of a 9 x 12 in. piece of paper with a 9 x 9 in. drawing, and an illustration of how the winning artwork will appear in the 2026 Wyandotte County Public Health Department Calendar.

Evaluation Criteria

Selected judges will evaluate all submissions using the rubric below. The top 24 pieces will be chosen for community voting. If your artwork is selected as one of the top 24, you will be notified.

- Originality and Creativity (0-5 points): Artwork shows unique ideas and originality.
- Theme Relevance (0-5 points): Artwork clearly reflects the contest theme.
- Effort and Presentation (0-5 points): Artwork is neat, appealing, appropriate for age level, use of color and space.
- Impact (0-5 points): Artwork is inspiring.
- Overall (0-5 points): Overall presentation.

Prize

There will be a total of 12 winners winning a \$100 VISA Gift Card and one (1) grand prize winner for the front cover calendar will receive a \$300 VISA Gift Card.

How to Enter

- Only one piece of artwork may be submitted per person.
- Artists must write their name and age on the back of their artwork. Names should not appear on the front of the piece for impartial judging of the artwork.



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- Each artwork and the submission form must be turned into any of the Kansas City Kansas or Bonner Springs City Library Branches or the Wyandotte County Public Health Department by August 8, 2025. Addresses:
 - Wyandotte County Public Health Department, 619 Ann Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101
 - Bonner Springs City Library, 201 N. Nettleton Ave, Bonner Springs, KS 66012
 - Kansas City, Kansas Public Library Locations:
 - Main Library, 625 Minnesota Ave, Kansas City, KS 66101
 - F.L. Schlagle Library, 4051 West Dr., Kansas City, KS 66109
 - South Branch Library, 3104 Strong Ave., Kansas City, KS 66106
 - Turner Community Library, 831 S. 55th St., Kansas City, KS 66106 (in the Turner Rec Center)
 - West Wyandotte Library, 1737 N. 82nd St., Kansas City, KS 66112

After the Contest

Original artwork can be picked up from the Wyandotte County Public Health Department, 619 Ann Ave Kansas City, KS 66101, after winners have been announced. Artwork that is not picked up by December 31, 2025, will be discarded.

Questions?

Please email healthcomms@wycokck.org or call (913) 573-8865. Visit wycokck.org/health-art for announcements and updates.

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