

**Jackson County Historic Preservation Commission  
National Historic Preservation Month Art Contest  
May 2025 Guidelines- Submissions Due May 20th 2025 by 4 p.m**

The Jackson County Historic Preservation Commission invites any school aged students who are residents of Jackson County to participate in the **2025 Historic Places Art Contest**. This contest celebrates National Historic Preservation Month in May and encourages students to explore their local history and artistic talents.

### **Contest Overview**

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, this art contest invites students to create a visual representation of a historic structure or place that is meaningful to their community. Students are encouraged to consider historic buildings, structures, or places in Jackson County that are important to the identity of their town or community. Examples include:

- Historic buildings like schools, libraries, community centers, houses, and bridges.
- Public spaces such as cemeteries, parks, memorials, and green spaces.

The **2025 contest is open to all school aged students** (public, private, or homeschooled) who are residents of Jackson County, North Carolina. The finalists and/or winners will be featured in a public art exhibition within the county. Winners will receive special recognition and prizes, with the number of prizes determined by the total number of entries.

### **Eligibility**

- Open to all school aged students who are **residents of Jackson County, NC**.
- Public, private, and homeschooled students in any grade are eligible to participate.
- Submissions must represent historic places in Jackson County that are at least **50 years old**.

### **Submission Guidelines**

- **Artwork Size:** Artwork must be **11 x 17 inches** (poster size).
- **Medium:** Artwork must be created on paper (no stretched canvas). Acceptable mediums include:
  - Pencil, ink, charcoal, acrylic paint, pastels, and other similar media.
  - Collage is permitted as long as the components are created by the student.
  - Other creative approaches may be allowed as long as the work is two-dimensional and on paper.
- **Originality:** All artwork must be original. No reproductions, copies, or electronically generated artwork will be accepted. Students should not trace, duplicate, or copy from published sources or photographs.
- **Artwork Presentation:** Entries must not be framed, under glass, or have any protective covering attached. Chalk or pastel pieces can be sprayed with fixative to prevent smudging.

### **Submission Deadline**

- **Submission Location:**  
Jackson County Planning Department by **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025**.  
Attention: Ashley Clapsaddle  
538 Scotts Creek Rd, #217, Sylva, NC 28779

### **Entry Form**

- Each submission must be accompanied by a **completed entry form**.
- The **entry form** must be firmly attached to the **back of the artwork** using glue or tape.
- **Important:** No names, signatures, or identifying marks should appear on the front of the artwork. The student's name should be printed **neatly on the back** of the artwork, in case the entry form becomes separated.

## Judging Criteria

Judges will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:

- **Visual Impact:** How well does the artwork draw the viewer's attention? Consider the use of color, composition, and creativity.
- **Originality:** Entries should reflect the student's individual artistic expression and a unique interpretation of a historic structure or place.
- **Historical Relevance:** The artwork should illustrate a historic place or structure in Jackson County that is at least **50 years old**. Students should aim to highlight how the place contributes to local identity or history.

## Awards and Recognition

- **Grand Prize Winner:** The winning artwork will be prominently displayed within the **County** as part of a public art exhibition in Summer 2025. The grand prize winner will also have their artwork featured on the **Jackson County Historic Preservation Commission's Facebook page**.
- **Finalists:** A selection of finalist pieces will be chosen for display in the exhibition, and all finalists will be on display. The number and categories of finalists will be based on the total number of entries received.
- **Certificates and Publications:** All participants will receive a **certificate of participation**. Artwork from the contest may also be published in **informational materials** produced by the Jackson County Planning Department or Historic Preservation Commission.

## Terms and Conditions

By submitting artwork, participants agree to the following:

- **Ownership:** The Jackson County Planning Department and/or Historic Preservation Commission retains ownership of all artwork submitted to the contest and may use the artwork in informational materials, publications, and public displays without compensation.
- **Liability:** The Jackson County Planning Department and/or Historic Preservation Commission is not responsible for any loss or damage of entries. Every effort will be made to safely return artwork to the student or teacher following the contest.
- **Publicity:** Winning artwork and selected entries may be used in future publications, promotional materials, or online content related to Jackson County's historic preservation efforts.

## Contact Information

For additional information or questions about the contest, please contact:

### Ashley Clapsaddle

Planner 1, Jackson County Planning Department

Phone: (828) 631-2263

Email: [ashleyclapsaddle@jacksonnc.org](mailto:ashleyclapsaddle@jacksonnc.org)

## Jackson County 2025 Historic Places Art Contest Entry Form

Please complete all sections of this form and attach it firmly to the back of your artwork.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Any School Age): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ School Name or List Homeschooled: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Artwork: (Provide a brief description of the historic structure or place featured in your artwork, including its name, location, and why you chose to depict it.)

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Medium Used: (Circle all that apply)

Pencil/ Pen or Ink	Charcoal	Acrylic Paint/ Paint	Pastels	Collage	Other(Specify)
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Size of Artwork:

(Please confirm the size of your artwork is **11 x 17 inches**.)

☐ Yes, the size is correct.

### Acknowledgment and Signature

- ☐ I certify that this artwork is **original** and was created by me. It has not been copied or traced from any other source, including photographs, published images, or electronic sources.
- ☐ I understand that by signing this entry form, I give permission for my artwork to be displayed publicly and used in publications or other promotional materials by the Jackson County Historic Preservation Commission and Jackson County Planning Department.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Important Notes:

- Please attach this completed entry form to the **back** of your artwork using glue or tape. Do **not** include any identifying marks or names on the front of your artwork.
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