



EMS REGION FIVE

ART CONTEST

OPEN TO PRE K-12 GRADE STUDENTS • ENTRIES DUE MAY 1, 2026

Central Georgia Region 5 Emergency Medical Services for Children (R5 EMSC), in partnership with the Region 5 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (R5 RTAC), is excited to announce this year's EMS Region 5 Art Contest. This annual competition encourages students to use their creativity and talent to raise awareness of EMS professionals and how to stay safe. The art contest is open to four groups spanning pre-K through 12th grade.

CONTEST AGE CATEGORIES

Students must be in the categories below as of the 2025-2026 school year. For example, a student who is in 4th grade would be a part of Category 2:

Daycare & Pre-K Students:

- **Category 1:** Daycare Students and those Completing Pre K

Elementary School Students:

- **Category 2:** Grade K-2
- **Category 3:** Grade 3-5

Middle and High School Students:

- **Category 4:** Grade 6-8
- **Category 5:** Grade 9-12

ACCEPTED ARTWORK

- **Hand-Drawn Art:** Crayon, colored pencil, marker, paint, etc
- **Digital Art:** Graphic design, digital drawing, etc
- **Craft:** Handmade items such as a collage, diorama, etc
- **Photo:** Captured with a phone or a digital camera

CONTEST THEME CATEGORIES

Students' artwork should focus on a theme belonging to the two main categories below **1- EMS Awareness** and **2- Injury Prevention and Safety**. Students may create artwork using one of the suggested themes below or another related theme or topic of their choosing.

EMS Awareness:

- **EMS: Caring for the Community**
- **EMS: Everyday Heroes**
- **EMS: One Mission, One Team**
- **EMS: Rising to the Challenge**
- **EMTs are My Friends**

Injury Prevention and Safety:

- **ATV Safety:** Follow the Rules of the Off-Road
- **Bike Safety:** Wear A Helmet! Every Trip, Every Time
- **Bullying:** Be a Buddy, Not a Bully
- **Car Seat Safety:** Choose the Right Seat
- **Teen Driver Safety:** Experience is Key
- **Fire Safety:** Stop, Drop, and Roll
- **Fireworks Safety:** Your Safety Matters
- **Pedestrian Safety:** Be Safe, Be Seen
- **Roadway Safety:** Don't Drive Distracted
- **Seatbelt Safety:** Buckle Up - Every Trip, Every Time
- **Water Safety:** Life Jackets Save Lives
- **Wheeled Safety:** Love Your Brain - Wear A Helmet

WINNER RECOGNITION

R5 EMSC and the R5 RTAC will announce two Grand Prize winners a 1st and 2nd place winner in each age category. Additionally, a number of Honorable Mention winners will be selected.



A **\$50.00 Amazon eGift Card** will be Awarded to two regional Grand Prize winners.

ALL Winners will receive:

- Inclusion in a Winner Announcement Video
- Recognition on the R5Trauma webpage and regional social media pages
- An award certificate and an award medal
- A Central Georgia Pediatric Symposium T-shirt

Note: Partnering EMS agencies, hospitals, and organizations may elect to award additional recognition and prizes for local student submissions.

RULES FOR ALL ART CONTEST ENTRIES

All entries should focus on a theme belonging to two main categories **1- EMS Awareness** and **2- Injury Prevention and Safety**. Students may create artwork using one of the suggested themes (page 1) or another related theme or topic of their choosing. Additionally, all entries should adhere to the following rules.

- 1. ENTRIES MUST BE HORIZONTAL (LANDSCAPE) IN LAYOUT OR ORIENTATION; VERTICAL LAYOUTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
2. Entries must be submitted by the May 1, 2026, deadline. Winners will be officially announced at the regional EMS for Children Cookout on May 20, 2026. All regional prizes will be awarded by May 31, 2026.
3. The entry must be received by Region 5 EMS for Children no later than 11:59 PM EST on May 1, 2026, by online upload or mail. No other method of entry will be accepted.
4. Students may submit multiple entries.
5. A parent or guardian must complete and sign the entry form.
6. The submissions must represent the student's own original work. It cannot be a copy or modification of another work, such as a picture that is copied and then colored.
7. Submissions must not include any copyrighted logos and brands, names of students, social media handles, or school names.
8. Software or online programs may be used to assemble/edit an entry. However, the entry must be primarily generated by the student's own creativity and concept.
9. All person(s) whose photo appears in a poster or photo entry must complete a video/photo release form.
10. Safety messages should be kept positive and show examples of safe behaviors. Seat belt usage for all people pictured in vehicles is mandatory. Helmet usage for all people on ATVs, bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, skates, skateboards, and UTVs is required. Additionally, physical safety is mandatory when capturing photos. Content must not be captured while operating a vehicle; riding a bicycle, scooter, or skateboard; or in any other dangerous situations.
Hint: Students should review the proper safety rules and gear needed for activities before getting started on their submission.



SUBMITTING ART CONTEST ENTRIES

All entries must be received by Region 5 EMS for Children **no later than 11:59 PM EST on May 1, 2026**, by online upload or mail. No other method of entry will be accepted.

Online Upload Entry Instructions (preferred)

- Upload the Entry Form and student art submission(s) to <https://tinyurl.com/R5ArtContest>.
- Entries must be submitted as a high-resolution photo or scan. Accepted file types include JPG, PNG, or PDF and must not exceed 10MB.
- The completed and signed entry form must also be uploaded. Digital signatures are acceptable, or the parent/guardian may print, sign, scan, and email the form.
- Students and parents may upload multiple entries using a single-entry form.

Email or Mail Entry Instructions

- Email entries to region5rtac@gmail.com. Include "Art Contest" in the subject line
- Entries may also be mailed to:
 - Michelle Archer, Regional EMS Program Director
 - Region 5 Office of EMS and Trauma Division of Health Protection
 - Georgia Department of Public Health 1000 Indian Springs Dr.
 - Forsyth, Georgia 31029
- Original entries will not be returned.
- Region 5 EMS is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.
- The completed and signed entry form must accompany mailed entries.
- Students and parents may send multiple entries using a single-entry form.

Scan to QR Code Access Entry Form:



For questions, please contact Kristal at region5rtac@gmail.com or 478-288-0708

RESOURCES

Feel free to visit some of our favorite web resources for inspiration.

- ATV Safety Institute
atvsafety.org
- Center for Disease Control Injury Center
cdc.gov/injury
- Georgia Governor's Office of Highway Safety
gahighwaysafety.org
- National Association of EMTs
naemt.org
- National EMS Week Resource Center
emsweek.org
- National Fire Protection Association
nfpa.org
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
nhtsa.gov
- National Safety Council
nsc.org
- Region 5 Regional Trauma Advisory Committee
r5trauma.org
- Safe Kids Georgia
safekidsgeorgia.org
- Stop Bullying
stopbullying.gov
- Teens in the Driver Seat
t-driver.com



2026 REGION FIVE EMS ART CONTEST - ENTRY FORM

Important: By entering the art contest, each participant and his or her parent, guardian, and/or legal representative warrant that the submission is the participant's original work. They consent to the use of the entrant's first and last name, artwork, grade, and county of residence in the Winner Announcement Video, social media postings, web-based media, and other related educational and promotional items without further permission, compensation, or approval. Original artwork submitted becomes the property of the art contest sponsors. Participants assign all copyright, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights related to their entries to the art contest sponsors and previously mentioned agencies, including, but not limited to, Central Georgia Region 5 EMS for Children. Each participant and his or her parent, guardian, and/or legal representative consents to allow the participant's photographs and/or videos to be taken during the art contest awards program. Photographic prints, digital images, and digital videos obtained for the program may be used for education, publication, broadcast, social media, or internet-related purposes. In consideration for the participation in this art contest, participants and their parents, guardians, and/or legal representatives release, discharge, indemnify and agree to hold harmless Central Georgia Region 5 EMS for Children, their volunteers, officers, directors, agents, and partners from all claims, damages, demands, obligations, or losses of any kind related to this art contest. All communications regarding the art contest, including the announcement of winners, will be sent to the artists' parents, guardians, and/or legal representatives. **Please provide all the information below.**

Student Name:

Student Grade:

Teacher's Name:
(if applicable)

School Name:
(if applicable)

School District:
(if applicable)

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address:

Parent/Guardian City/State/Zip:

County of Residence:

Parent/Guardian Email Address:

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:

Parent/Guardian Signature: **Date:**

