

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE POSTER CONTEST

The City of Sumter recognizes that students are creative and care about the environment. We would like to introduce a new and fun contest to help spread the word about our Community Clean-Up Days and to show Sumter a little love by not littering. Our 2024 poster contest is available to any Sumter K-12th-grade student. The three (3) winning pieces will become the designs for our 2024 poster, distributed to businesses and other facilities around the entire Sumter community throughout the year. All rules and applications are available online at www.sumtersc.gov/litter.

GUIDELINES, RULES, AND CONDITIONS:

1. All artwork should be themed with *Love Where You Live*.
2. All artwork must focus on litter, and may not include any recycling-related content.
3. Entries must be original work by the student. **NO TRACING, NO COPYING.**
4. Space must be made to list the 2024 Community Clean-up Day schedule. Art may include a schedule (all dates below must be included) or just leave an open space for the dates to be listed later. Dates include:

February 17	June 15	October 19
April 20	August 17	December 16
5. Entries can be in any medium such as paint, pencil, pen, watercolor, etc.
6. Entries must be made to fit at least an **11"x17"** piece of paper.
7. Entries must be in **portrait (vertical)** design.
8. Entry is open to all elementary school, middle school, and high school students living in the City of Sumter or Sumter County (students may attend public school, private school, or homeschool).
9. No more than one entry per student.
10. Completed Application and Parent/Guardian permission form **MUST BE ATTACHED TO or INCLUDED WITH** each individual student's entry, or artwork will be disqualified.
11. All entries become the property of the City of Sumter and will NOT be returned. Personal information on entry forms will NOT be used for any other purposes than those associated with the winning competition entry and will not be disclosed without parental permission.
12. Images/photographs of the student and their work may be featured in various media, social media outlets, and promotional material.
13. Three (3) successful works will be chosen for the 2024 annual litter poster.
14. The judges' decision is final.
15. All winners and their parent/guardian will be notified by email.

WHAT CAN STUDENTS WIN?

- Grand prizes will be awarded to three (3) winners.
 - One winner will be chosen from all elementary school entries.
 - One winner will be chosen from all middle school entries.
 - One winner will be chosen from all high school entries.
- All three winners will receive a framed print of their artwork.
- All three winners will receive a gift card.
- Awards will be presented by City Council at their January 16, 2024 meeting.
- All three winners will have their designs used in conjunction with the City of Sumter's official 2023 Love Where You Live Community Clean-up Poster.



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HOW TO ENTER

- Complete an application (students' info).
- All entries must be received by our office no later than 5PM, Thursday, November 30, 2023.
- Entries can be submitted two ways:
 - Mailed to City of Sumter, c/o Litter Poster Contest, P.O. Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151
 - Dropped off at the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty Street, Suite 7

APPLICATION:

First Name (print): _____ Last Name (print): _____

Physical Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of School: _____ Students Grade Level: _____

STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE

We, the undersigned, represent that the art entry submitted by the student below is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned student to which the student is entitled copyright protection. In consideration for the acceptance of the art entry by the City of Sumter, South Carolina (the "City"), in an art competition and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned grant the City the right to publicly display the art entry, if it is selected for display, in accordance with the rules of the art competition, for a period of up to two years from the latest date on this form. The undersigned also grant the City and its employees and agents the right to reproduce, distribute, and sell the art entry for any charitable or noncommercial purposes. The undersigned further release the City and its employees and agents from any and all liability for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the art entry during and subsequent to the art competition. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City and its employees and agents against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the art competition.

STUDENT SIGNATURE (*required*) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN(s) SIGNATURE (*required*) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN(s) EMAIL: _____

DATE: _____