

General Rules

1. Contest is open to all students in Kindergarten through 12th grades of the Wisconsin public, private or home school systems.
2. The contest is divided into grades. Each child will be competing with children in his/her own grade.

Who May Enter: Students in **grades Kindergarten to 5**
Theme: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"
Type of Contest: This is an Art contest ONLY.

Who May Enter: Students in **grades 6 - 12**
Theme: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"
Type of Contest: Students may enter the Art **or** the Essay Contest, but not both.

3. All entries must address the theme for the category entered.
4. Only one entry per student will be accepted.
6. Previous winners and honorable mentions **are** eligible to enter the contest.
7. Each entry **MUST** be accompanied by a COMPLETED "Entry Form" taped to the back of the artwork or essay.
8. **Cash prizes of \$4,250.00 will be awarded.** There will be a total of 53 winners and one Director's Award.

Students in Grades K to 5 - \$50.00 each
Students in Grades 6 to 8 - \$75.00 each
Students in Grades 9 to 12 - \$125.00 each
Director's Award - \$150.00

There will also be honorable mention(s) selected for each category. All winners, honorable mentions and the Director's Award recipient will have their entry and school name displayed on the Wisconsin Troopers' Association's website, www.wi-troopers.org. They will also have their name and school's name printed in the *Wisconsin Trooper* magazine.

9. Once received, all entries become the property of the Wisconsin Troopers' Association and may be reproduced in the Association's official publications and website, including non-winners.
10. Entries will not be returned unless postage paid, self addressed envelope with sufficient postage is enclosed.
11. Entries will be judged by members of the WTA based on originality, creativity, and adherence to the theme. The decisions of the judges are final and interpretations of the guidelines are at the WTA's sole discretion.
12. **Deadline:** Entries must be postmarked on or before **February 15, 2012.**
Winning entrants will be notified by March 15, 2012.
13. A statewide awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

Art Drawing Contest Rules

1. Each piece of artwork must be **NO LARGER** than 8 1/2" x 11". Matting is not necessary, however, if matted, the overall size **may** exceed 8 1/2" x 11".
2. Artwork must be original work from the student. No computer generated, photography, or 3-D artwork is permitted.
3. Artwork must be mailed with packing sturdy enough to support the entry and with **SUFFICIENT POSTAGE**.
4. Each entry must be accompanied by a COMPLETED "Entry Form."

Essay Contest Rules

1. Essay must not be longer than 500 words.
2. Essay must be typed and double spaced.
3. Electronic copies (ie e-mail) of essay will not be accepted.
4. Each entry must be accompanied by a COMPLETED "Entry Form."