

American Association of Kidney Patients

Artwork Contest

Contest/Artwork Guidelines

The American Association of Kidney Patients (AAKP) is pleased to host an *Artwork Contest*. In honor of the upcoming *Kidney Disease Awareness Month* (March), the goal of this artwork contest is to allow individuals to demonstrate, through their artwork, how kidney disease has affected them and help raise awareness of this chronic disease.

Artwork must adhere to the contest guidelines and artwork guidelines listed below and must be submitted by **February 26, 2010** to be eligible. The top 15 pieces of artwork (five pieces in each age group category) are selected by AAKP volunteers and go on to be publicly judged during *Kidney Disease Awareness Month* (March). Each piece of artwork will be displayed on the AAKP Web site (www.aakp.org) from March 15 – April 15 as well as be present at the *AAKP Medal of Excellence Award Dinner* on March 13 for public voting.

The top three pieces of artwork, selected by the public through a voting process, will be turned into all occasion greeting cards. AAKP will offer the greeting cards as an Association fundraiser. Winners will receive a complimentary pack of their artwork greeting card along with an award certificate for their accomplishment. **There is no contest entry fee. Winners will be publicly announced in April.**

Categories

- Artwork will be divided into three age groups: Category A (up to 11) / Category B (Ages 12 – 19) / Category C (Ages 20 +).
- There is one winner for each age group category.

Contest Guidelines

- Eligible works must be one of the following: drawing, painting or sketch. **Please see artwork guidelines for specific entry requirements.**
- Artwork entries must be an original creation by the artist.
- Artist must be an individual affected by chronic kidney disease (CKD). Including CKD, dialysis and transplant patients, family members, friends or caregivers.
- Only one entry per artist will be accepted.
- Entry will not be returned to the artist.
- Deadline is **February 16, 2010**. No entries will be accepted after that date.
- While artists retain copyrights to their artwork, AAKP reserves sole and irrevocable right to reproduce submitted pieces for the purpose of display, advertisement and promotion of this and future AAKP artwork competitions, and for any other purpose related to the competition without the consent of the artist.
- AAKP reserves the right to cancel all or any portion of the 2009 AAKP Artwork Contest if factors beyond our control detrimentally affect the secure or fair administration of the competition or if participation is limited. Should the

competition be cancelled for any reason, AAKP will attempt to notify all artists who have submitted entries.

- Should competition guidelines change for any reason, contest administrators will publicize the new guideline(s) on the AAKP Web site and attempt to contact artists who have already submitted entries via the email address or telephone number you provide but will not be held liable should you fail to receive or view such notification.
- AAKP reserves the right to refuse any entry it feels is offensive, derogatory or obscene in nature.
- Artists **must** include a completed entry form with their submission. **An entry form is available on the AAKP Web site (www.aakp.org/events).**

Artwork Guidelines

- Eligible works must be one of the following: **drawing, painting or sketch.**
- All entries must be submitted on an 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper with the image filling up no more than an 8" x 10" space on the center of the paper.
- Artists may not write or mark on the back of the entry.
- Entries must be mailed to AAKP flat or in a mailing tube. **Entries that are bent, folded or torn will not be eligible.**

Judging Process

- Through various events, publications and online venues, the public is invited to participate in the judging process. Public voting will determine one First Place winner in each age group category.
- The First Place winner in each age group category qualifies to have their submitted artwork turned into an all occasional greeting card. AAKP will offer greeting cards online as an Association fundraiser. **All proceeds raised by the sale of the greeting cards go solely to the American Association of Kidney Patients for support of its educational programs.**
- Invite your family and friends to be a part of the voting process! Ask them to visit www.aakp.org/events for more information.

**For additional questions, please contact AAKP at
(800) 749-2257 or info@aaqp.org.**