

# Visions Rules

"Visions" is a program sponsored by the OCO Club to provide an opportunity for students affiliated with OCO to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original work.

## CATEGORIES:

### Visual Arts\*:

- Paintings, drawings, collages, photographs.

### Literature:

- Poems, short stories, essays: fiction and non-fiction.

\* Tinkos (K-1st grade) can only submit entries in Visual Arts, **excluding photography**

## AWARDS AND PRIZES:

All participants will receive recognition. Awards will be given overall by division in the literature and visual arts categories. All applicants must be members of OCO Club.

The divisions are:

- Tinkos (Kindergarten - 1st grades)
- 2nd Grade - 5th Grade
- 6th Grade - 8th Grade
- 9th Grade - 12th Grade
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## THEME:

Students may interpret the theme in any way he/she feels appropriate. The theme must be reflected in the student's work. Unless the work clearly relates to the theme, the theme must be used in the title or subtitle of the entry. Only new pieces of artwork or written work which were inspired by the theme are acceptable. *No copy written materials will be accepted.*

## JUDGING CRITERIA:

All entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme. The judges can be OCO or board members.

- **PAINTING:** All kinds, including tempera oil, watercolors, etc.
- **DRAWING:** Crayon, chalk, charcoal, pencil, ink or any medium used for drawing or sketching.
- **COLLAGE:** Materials that are deemed suitable for art, including pictures from magazines or newspapers. However, care should be exercised to assure that the collage composition is put together securely to travel well.

**\*\* Do NOT use glitter or pens that contain glitter \*\***

## VISUAL ARTS RULES:

Only two-dimensional artwork on paper, poster board or canvas is acceptable. Sculptures, ceramics, jewelry or other **three-dimensional arts and crafts are NOT eligible for entry.**

Entries **must be** mounted on sturdy cardboard mats, cardboard cut from a sturdy box or poster board. They may not be in picture frames or wood, metal, plastic or glass. Un-mounted entries or those on soft paper will not be accepted. Please do **not** laminate your artwork.

- **Tinkos** may submit entries only in the **VISUAL ARTS** category only.
- Artwork **CANNOT** be larger than **18X24 inches overall, including mat. Art will be disqualified.**

## PHOTOGRAPHY:

- Black and white or color prints from any type of camera, including instamatics. Slides, transparencies or videos will **NOT** be accepted
- Single entry only: double exposure, montages, collages composite photographs and sandwich photos are accepted.
- Tinkos (Kindergarten - 1st grades) can only submit entries in Visual Arts, no Photography, no literature entries will be accepted.
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## PHOTOGRAPHY RULES:

All prints must be mounted on a cardboard mat, cardboard cut from a sturdy box or poster board. They may not be in picture frames of wood, metal, plastic or glass. Un-mounted entries or those on soft-paper will not be accepted. Do **NOT** laminate your work. The photograph must be taken by the youth, **not by the parent** (no exceptions). Photography entries **CANNOT** be larger than **11X14 inches**, including mat.

## LITERATURE:

- Essays: fiction and non-fiction
- Poetry
- Short Essays
- Tinkos (Kindergarten -1st) can only submit entries in Visual Arts.

## LITERATURE RULES:

Literature entries may be submitted on any kind of paper. Entries may be mounted but the overall dimensions of the entry may **NOT EXCEED** 11X14 inches. Mounting of literature is not required.

**Entries must be legible, handwritten.** Entrants in the literature category are not penalized for spelling, punctuation or grammatical errors. They are judged on literacy contents.

Pictures drawn by the student to accompany their entries are acceptable. However, entries are judged on literacy content, no artwork. Winners in the literature category may be asked to recite the poem, short story or essay at the general meeting.

POETRY: Cannot be more than **150** words,  
SHORT STORIES: Cannot be more than 250 words  
ESSAYS: Cannot be more than **500** words.

### **ORIGINALITY:**

All entries must be the original design, artwork or writing of an individual student.  
Parents and friends **MAY NOT** assist the student. Entries completed by two or more students **ARE NOT** permitted.

**Entries that do not meet the rules and guidelines for the Visual Arts, Photography or Literature Categories will not be judged.**

**Entries will NOT be accepted after the due date and time - NO Exceptions!**