Bicentennial Art Contest

Celebrating 200 years of Anderson County

Call for Entries

The Anderson Arts Center, in partnership with the Anderson County Museum, invites K–12 students to participate in the Bicentennial Art Contest, celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Anderson County. Students may submit one original artwork in any medium, following the exhibit guidelines. This special contest offers students the opportunity to explore Anderson County's history, culture, community, and future through art, while having their work displayed in a professional gallery setting. Entries will be submitted alongside Youth Art Month artwork, making it easy for classes across the county to participate.

Timeline:

Registration: February 1, 2026
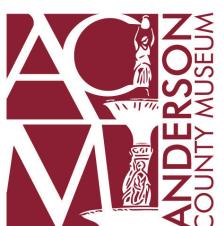Artwork Delivery: February 11 - 13, 2026
Exhibition Dates: TBA
Ceremony Date: TBA
Artwork Pickup: TBA

ANDERSON ARTS CENTER
110 Federal St.
Anderson, SC 29625
AndersonArts.org

ANDERSON COUNTY MUSEUM
Letting History Speak Since 1983.
202 E Greenville Street
Anderson, SC 29621
AndersonCountyMuseum.sc.gov

Questions?

Contact Eve Marino at the Anderson Arts Center
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Bicentennial Art Contest: Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Anderson County
Youth Art Exhibit Submission Requirements

The Anderson Arts Center and the Anderson County Museum invites all students in **Kindergarten through 12th grade** to submit artwork for this special anniversary exhibit. Entries may be created in **any medium**, with the following guidelines:

Eligibility

- Open to **all K–12 students** residing in Anderson County.

- Students attending **public, private, or homeschool** programs are eligible.

- **Register for competition by February 1, 2026:**

  https://andersonarts.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/bicentennial-art-contest

- One artwork per student.

- Artwork must be the student's own original work.

- Theme for work: Anderson County: 200 years of History

  - May include people, places, events, timelines, industries, government, memorials, or anything related to Anderson County.

  - Must be school appropriate

  - A list of resources are attached

Artwork Specifications

- K–5th Grade: Artwork may not exceed 8" x 10".

- 6–12th Grade: Artwork may not exceed 11" x 17".

- 3-D artwork is allowed, but must be able to hang on the wall. *(No pedestals available.)*

Submission Requirements

Each artwork must have the following information clearly attached:

- Student Name

- Title of piece

- Medium

- Grade

- Art Teacher

- School

- Teacher

- Anderson School District the student resides in (required for all students, including private and homeschool)

*Please note: artwork submitted for the Bicentennial Art Contest **DOES NOT replace or count as your Youth Art Month submission**. Teachers should continue to submit Youth Art Month entries as usual.*

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded in the following age categories:

- **Kindergarten – 2nd Grade**

- **3rd – 5th Grade**

- **6th – 8th Grade**

- **9th – 12th Grade**

More prize information to come at a later date.

Submission Process

- Artwork must be submitted **along with Youth Art Month entries** at the Anderson Arts Center following the same procedure and timeline.

  - Artwork information must be entered on this Google spreadsheet:

    https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1OjHcQsvObAIodqfCdKNtnJaAK-21ORInp8dIq6BV6jY/edit?usp=sharing

- Artwork will be display at the Anderson Arts Center, the Anderson County Museum, and around Anderson County throughout 2026.

Anderson County: 200 Years of History Resources

Anderson County

https://andersoncountymuseum.sc.gov/ (research room, Hall of Fame and Photos online, field trips/visits)

Photos https://scmemory.org/

https://www.rootsandrecall.com/anderson/buildings/anderson-county-courthouse/

https://visitanderson.com/historic-sites/

https://www.independentmail.com/picture-gallery/news/2020/07/22/photos-downtown-anderson-area-scenes/5487627002/

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Towns/Anderson_SC.html

Historic Markers https://www.hmdb.org/results.asp?Search=County&County=Anderson%20County&State=South%20Carolina

https://oldstonechurchsc.com/about-old-stone-church/

Cities and Towns

https://beltonalliance.com/belton-museum/

Williamston https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=15719

https://www.townofpendleton.org/Community-Life/History

Iva https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=43944

Honea Path https://www.hollymelody.com/blog/usa/south-carolina/honea-path-sc-interesting-facts-famous-things-history-information-what-is

Starr https://www.hmdb.org/results.asp?Search=Place&?Search=Place&Town=Starr&State=South%20Carolina

https://www.rootsandrecall.com/anderson/buildings/townville-community-page/

People

https://www.appalachianhistory.net/2018/07/south-carolina-man-who-put-electric-in.html (also check out the Anderson County Museum Hall of Fame)