



# TALONS & TALENT

## ART & POETRY CONTEST



### OFFICIAL RULES

#### Rules and Sponsor

- These Rules govern the “Talons & Talent: Art & Poetry Contest”, a contest sponsored by the Grey Snow Eagle House (GSEH). See here for more details: [eagles.iowanation.org/talons\\_talent](http://eagles.iowanation.org/talons_talent).
- By entering this Contest, entrants are deemed to have accepted these Rules and be bound by them.

#### Who May Enter

- The Contest is open to Oklahoma residents who are enrolled in Kindergarten to 12th grade. Winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) will be selected in each of the five grade-level categories (K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12).
- Employees of GSEH and their immediate family members (spouse, parent, child, sibling and their respective spouses) and persons living in the same household of an employee of GSEH (whether related or not) are not eligible to enter the Contest.
- ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED WHERE PROHIBITED OR INELIGIBLE UNDER THESE RULES.

#### How to Enter

- To enter the Contest, eligible participants must create and submit either an original piece of artwork or a poem entry (but not both):

##### Artwork Entries

GSEH welcomes artwork entries in the form of paintings or drawings inspired by one or more of the birds that GSEH rescues and protects, such as bald eagles, golden eagles, and any of our ambassador birds. You can learn more information about the birds GSEH rescues and protects at [www.eagles.iowanation.org](http://www.eagles.iowanation.org). All artwork entries must be original and created by hand using markers, crayons, colored pencils and/or paint. No artwork containing photographs, photocopies, tracing or computer-generated designs will be accepted.

##### Poetry Entries

GSEH welcomes poems that explore the themes “Raptors in the Wild”, “How I Can Help Raptors” and “Why Raptors are Important” through poetry. All poem entries must be original and legibly hand written or typed. The maximum word count for a poem entry is 200 words.

- All entries must be submitted on paper between 8.5 x 11 and 11 x 14 inches in size. Only paper entries will be accepted.
- No mechanically reproduced entries or faxes will be accepted.
- Only one entry (either artwork or poem) per person.
- All submissions must be posted to: **Grey Snow Eagle House, 335588 E 750 RD, Perkins, OK 74059**
- All submissions must be postmarked during the Promotion Period to be eligible for entry.
- The Promotion Period for this year’s Contest shall begin on **March 1st, 2020** and shall end on **May 1st, 2020**.

- A fully and validly completed Entry Form must be sent along with the artwork or writing entry. The Entry Form can be found and downloaded for printing at: [eagles.iowanation.org/talons\\_talent](http://eagles.iowanation.org/talons_talent). A parent or legal guardian of all entrants who are minors at the start of the Promotion Period must sign the Entry Form.
- Each entrant and his/her parent or legal guardian, if applicable, acknowledges that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by these Rules. By submitting an entry, you warrant that your entry complies with all the requirements set out in these Rules.
- Each submitted artwork and writing entry must be the original work of the respective entrant and must be his/her property.
- All entries become the property of GSEH on submission. **Entries will not be returned.**
- Entries (whether artwork or writing entries) must not contain any content or material which: infringes or violates any copyright, trademarks, rights of privacy, publicity or other intellectual property or other rights of any other person or entity; or is or might be regarded as being harassing, threatening, abusive, vulgar, obscene, defamatory, sexually explicit, racist or otherwise objectionable, inappropriate or unlawful.
- Any entry which in GSEH's opinion contains any such content or material shall be disqualified from the Contest.

## Prizes

- Judging of the winning entries will be performed by a panel of 5 judges selected by GSEH in its discretion, and will be based on creativity, originality and adherence to these rules. The decisions of the panel shall be final.
- Following the end of the Promotion Period (usually no later than May 14th), the panel will select up to 3 Artwork/ Poetry winners in each of the 5 grade-level categories depending on the number of entries. Artwork submissions and poetry submissions will be competing against each other.
  - Kindergarden - 1st Grade** (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place)
  - 2nd Grade - 3rd Grade** (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place)
  - 4th Grade - 6th Grade** (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place)
  - 7th Grade - 9th Grade** (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place)
  - 10th Grade - 12th Grade** (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place)
- All winners will have their artwork or compositions featured on the GSEH website: [eagles.iowanation.org](http://eagles.iowanation.org), GSEH's annual newsletter: WingBeat, and GSEH social media.
- A selection of winners' submissions will be featured in the Grey Snow Eagle House Welcome Center's gallery during grand opening.
- A selection of winners' submissions may also be chosen by GSEH for inclusion in GSEH's promotional and other materials, such as (without limitation) calendars, classroom posters, greeting cards, etc. By entering this Contest, each entrant hereby grants GSEH the right to use his/her first name only, age and/or grade level and likeness to credit his/her submission, when feasible and appropriate in GSEH's sole discretion, in connection with such purposes.
- Artwork winners will receive art supplies and a GSEH poster. Poetry winners will receive writing supplies and a GSEH poster.
- GSEH may choose to publish details of prizes on the above website.
- Prizes are not transferable, nor are there substitutions or cash redemptions, except at GSEH's discretion where a prize becomes unavailable.

## Winners

- Winners will be notified by the email address provided with their entry form.
- Winners will be announced on GSEH's facebook on May 18th at noon central time.
- Awards will be mailed to the address on the entry form.
- All winners agree to co-operate fully for publicity purposes if so required by GSEH.

## Chances of Winning

- NO PURCHASE, PAYMENT OR DONATION IS NECESSARY.
- A PURCHASE, PAYMENT OR DONATION WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.
- The odds of winning will vary depending on the number of entries received.

## Liability

- By entering this Contest, each entrant agrees to release and hold harmless GSEH and its directors, employees and agents, from all claims, losses, damages costs and any other liabilities arising out of their participation in this Contest (including in particular his/her submitted artwork or writing) and the acceptance of any prize awarded hereunder, to the extent permitted under applicable law.
- GSEH shall be responsible for any condition, circumstances, losses, failures or delays caused by events beyond its or their control that may cause the Contest to be disrupted, corrupted, delayed, postponed, suspended or cancelled.
- GSEH is not liable for lost, late, illegible, misdirected, damaged, incomplete, or incorrect entries.
- All taxes are the sole responsibility of the entrants.
- GSEH is not responsible for any tampering with this Contest (e.g., hackers, viruses, automated entry devices or other).

## Data Collection

- GSEH takes the protection of your personal information very seriously. Information about contest entrants will be collected by GSEH solely for the purpose of administering the Contest.

## Other Important Rules

- All entrants who, in GSEH's opinion, infringe or violate any of these Rules shall be disqualified from the Contest.
- Plagiarism programs will be utilized.
- By entering this Contest, each entrant agrees that he/she is complying with his/her school's privacy and other policies, including any policies regarding the sharing of student work beyond the school setting.
- By entering this Contest, each entrant grants GSEH a royalty-free, irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide licence to reproduce, distribute, publicly display, publish and create derivative works of and otherwise use his/her submitted artwork or writing entry (or any part or extract of/from it) in connection with GSEH's mission and activities as well as this Contest, in any manner and in any media, including (without limitation) in GSEH publications, on websites, and other promotional materials, as well as on merchandise. GSEH reserves the right to edit entries prior to publication as deemed fit or appropriate.
- Each entrant agrees that GSEH does not need to obtain additional consent from him/her relating to, or to notify him/her prior to, the use of any submitted artwork or writing entries as permitted under the above license. GSEH will credit the entrant when feasible in GSEH's sole discretion.
- GSEH's decisions (and those of the judging panel) are final and binding in all matters related to the Contest and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- GSEH reserves the right to cancel, postpone or modify the Contest at any time as deemed necessary or appropriate by GSEH in its sole discretion, if it believes the Contest is not capable of being conducted as set out in these Rules or in the event of any other cause beyond the reasonable control of GSEH that could affect the normal course of the Contest.
- These Rules and all matters related to this Contest shall be governed by the laws of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Iowa Tribal court.



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## ENTRY FORM

PLEASE USE A PEN AND PRINT CLEARLY.

Entries must be postmarked by May 1st.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_ Art: \_\_\_ Poem: \_\_\_ (✓ one)

Medium (if art) \_\_\_\_\_ School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Facilitator (First & Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Family Email \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant and assign to the Grey Snow Eagle House (GSEH) the non-exclusive right and permission to use, re-use, publish, re-publish, and otherwise reproduce and display the original writing or artwork that I have submitted to the GSEH, individually or inconjunction with other original artwork or writing, in any and all media, for any purpose whatsoever; and to include the artist or writer's name and grade level to identify the work. I hereby release and discharge the GSEH from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork or writing, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, the GSEH maintains the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes. The GSEH assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. The GSEH may sell, assign, license, or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. I further release the GSEH from any responsibility for injury incurred during the research or production of the original writing or artwork.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the parent or guardian of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

If my child is a winner or honorable mention in this contest, I consent to have his or her city publicized along with name and grade level: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Pledge of Originality: The poem or artwork I am submitting to the Grey Snow Eagle House's Talons & Talent: Art & Poetry Contest is my own original work and was not copied from other artists' works or photographs. I did not trace other artwork, and no other hands were involved in the production. Entrants may rely on photographs or published images as guides (e.g. of an Oklahoma native species), but the end product must be significantly different. The entry must be the entrant's own creation and idea.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail entry, entry form & survey to:  
**Grey Snow Eagle House, 335588 E 750 RD, Perkins, OK 74075**



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### SURVEY

PLEASE USE A PEN AND PRINT CLEARLY.  
Survey answers will not affect eligibility or contest results.



1. How did you hear about this event?

- School flyer
- Eagles.iowanation.org
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Word of mouth
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you ever visited the Grey Snow Eagle House in Perkins, Oklahoma?

- Yes
- No

3. Which of the following birds is your favorite?

- Bald eagle
- Golden eagle
- Red-tailed hawk
- Peregrine falcon
- Barred owl
- Black vulture
- Harris's hawk
- American crow
- Fish crow
- Salmon-crested cockatoo

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