

The following are the contest rules:

1. In order to publish submissions and contact winners, students must include their parents'/guardians' name(s), address, phone number and e-mail address on the back of their work in addition to their name, grade, age and school.
  2. Stories and drawings must be original ideas, not copied or traced. A story should be no longer than 300 words. There is no minimum length. All grade school entries should be legibly written, all others should be typed, double-spaced.
  3. The contest is open to school-age children attending schools in Vernon County. Entries must be clearly marked with name, address, school, grade, and home phone number and/or e-mail as well as parents'/guardians' name(s).
  4. Judging is in five categories: Grades 1-2; Grades 3-4; Grades 5-6; Grades 7-8; Grades 9-12. Artwork and writing will be judged separately. All decision of the judging panel are final.
  5. For artwork, original work is preferred. Artwork submitted electronically will be disqualified if computer manipulated or generated. No photography is allowed. Submitted artwork must be no larger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. If artwork is submitted by email, it must be scanned at a resolution of 300 dpi or higher and attached as a jpg.
  6. Entries can be submitting by mail, email or dropping off to:
    - Nevada/Vernon County Chamber of Commerce  
225 W. Austin Blvd., Suite 200  
Nevada, MO 64772
    - [chamber1@nevada-mo.com](mailto:chamber1@nevada-mo.com)
- Deadline for drop off is 3 p.m., Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Mailed entries must be postmarked by December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- It is highly recommended entrants do not wait until deadline day to submit their work. No late entries will be accepted.
7. Students can enter once in writing and once in artwork.
  8. Entries will not be returned.
  9. Members of the immediate family of the Nevada/Vernon County Chamber employees and Board of Directors are ineligible for participation in the contest. The contest is only open to students from Vernon County Missouri.