



Over the Board Art Contest

In conjunction with the Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry's OVER THE BOARD: The Poetry of Chess exhibit, the museum is sponsoring an art contest with chess as the subject. Your artwork can depict anything that celebrates the game of chess. If you use a software program to generate your artwork, the entire design must be your own creation.

Artwork Categories:

\$1,200 in Cash Prizes

1. Painting/Drawing (oil, watercolor, pen, pencil, chalk, crayon, pastel, etc.)
2. Sculpture (clay, ceramic, crochet, assemblage, 3-D mixed media, etc.)
3. Photography

The size of your artwork is up to you and will not affect the judging. The artwork should not be so fragile that it can't be handled. Frames for paintings, drawings, and photographs are encouraged but not required.

Age Prize Categories: 3-7, 8-12, 13-17 & 18 and up

Evaluation--Entries will be judged by local artists according to these criteria:

1. Clear demonstration of artistic talent in the medium selected
2. Creativity in the artistic techniques used and in the portrayal of the game of chess
3. Surprising and unique interpretation of chess themes and pieces
4. Sense of completion or finality in the artwork—a polished piece not an unfinished draft

Cash Prizes: One winner per category in each age group will be selected for a \$100 prize.*

Deadline to Enter: Delivered in person by December 12, 2026, OR postmarked by Dec. 7, 2026.

All entries must include a COMPLETE entry form and be mailed or delivered in person to ROMP by the deadline. If you mail the entry and want it returned by mail, you must include a check or money order for the return postage.

Your name should appear somewhere on the artwork, either written on it or on a piece of paper attached to the artwork.

*Judges reserve the right to select more than one winner per category or to not award a winner in a category that receives few suitable entries.

NOTE: After judging, all entries might become a part of the exhibit, though the artwork will always be yours. You can have it returned or you can pick it up anytime after the opening event.

There is no entry fee for this contest. Please follow all guidelines to help us smoothly run the contest.

Over the Board Art Contest OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Parent/Guardian/Teacher (if under 18) _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address (IMPORTANT—this is how winners are notified. Print clearly.):

Phone _____

Circle your Age Category: 3-7 8-12 13-17 18 and up

Circle the Artwork Category:

Painting/Drawing

Sculpture

Photography

Title of your Artwork _____

Originality Statement: With this signature, I certify that this artwork is my creative work and mine alone.

Signature

_____ Check if you will allow your artwork to be on loan as a part of the museum exhibit.
You can pick it up or have it returned at any time.

MAIL this form and your artwork to

Rural Oklahoma Museum of Poetry, PO Box 1243, Locust Grove OK 74352

Remember to include return postage if you want it mailed back to you.

OR bring it in person to ROMP or ROMP Rummage Store

ROMP, 114 E. Main

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For more details, visit ROMPoetry.com or email ROMPoetry@gmail.com.

