



## WIN PRIZES & HAVE YOUR ART ON DISPLAY!

### WHO:

Any K-12 student who is enrolled in public or parochial schools located within Royal Oak, Michigan. Contest divisions are Grades K-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12.

### WHAT:

Create a two-dimensional artwork that shows what you love about Royal Oak! This can be any place, idea, or feeling that shows what you love about Royal Oak and why you love being a part of the Royal Oak community. **The prompt of “what I love about Royal Oak” should be clear for full scoring consideration.**

### WHY:

Winners from each contest division will be awarded monetary prizes. All participating students will receive a certificate, a special Royal Oak sticker, and have their art displayed around Downtown Royal Oak businesses from February 12 – March 12, 2025.

#### High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>):

1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$750  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$500  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$250

#### Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>):

1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$250  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$100

#### Elementary School (K-5<sup>th</sup>):

1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$250  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$150  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$100

### WHEN:

Artwork should be newly created within the last 6 months. Artwork used for the 2024 contest will not qualify and will be rejected.

Entries can be submitted until **February 28, 2025, at 12:00 PM (Noon).**



## WHERE:

Artwork must be submitted to the following locations within the time frame indicated in the When section:

- Royal Oak City Hall, 203 S. Troy Street – Indoor Lobby Art Dropbox
  - Monday – Thursday 8AM – 4:30PM, Friday 8AM-12PM
- Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. Eleven Mile Road – Youth Services Desk
  - Monday – Thursday 9AM – 8PM, Friday – Saturday 9AM – 6PM, Sunday 1PM – 5PM
- The Caboose: Sidetrack Bookshop for Kids, 220 W. Fourth Street
  - Monday – Saturday 10AM – 8PM, Sunday 10AM – 6PM
- Virtually at [www.downtownroyaloak.org](http://www.downtownroyaloak.org) >> Click the I ♥ RO button!  
*(High quality JPEG or PNG scanning required, low resolution may hinder the representation of artwork. Any evidence of digital rendering or correction to the image will result in immediate disqualification.)*

## HOW: ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

Artwork submittals must meet the following requirements:

- Entry must be completed on an **8.5"x11"** sheet of plain white paper. Oversized artwork will not be accepted.
- Artwork must be drawn **VERTICALLY (portrait)**. Horizontal artwork will not be recognized, and all juried evaluation of the artwork will be done from a vertical perspective.
- All artwork must be **ORIGINAL**. NO traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters such as Disney, superheroes, cartoons, etc. No "copycat" ideas of artwork from other artists. Artwork must be truly the work of the student and represent the age, grade, and skill of the student.
- Do not sign or write a name on the front of the artwork. Name should be included on the entry form and attached to the submission using a paperclip, ***please do not staple the artwork***.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional using mediums such as pencil, ink, crayon, colored pencil, etc.
- Artwork may not have been previously submitted to the 2024 I Love Royal Oak contest.
- Artwork must be completed and submitted by ONE student, no group submittals.
- Each student may submit only one artwork for consideration.
- Artwork must be accompanied by a signed and completed permission waiver. Artwork missing guardian contact information will not be considered.
- Artwork must be titled and accompanied by a brief artist statement. Artist statements should be kept to around 3 sentences and submitted using the attached form.



## 2025 ENTRANCE FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION	
Student's First Name	
Student's Last Name	
Student's Grade	
Student's Teacher	
Student's School	
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION	
Guardian's First Name	
Guardian's Last Name	
Guardian's Email Address	
Guardian's Phone Number	

### PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FOR RELEASE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ [child] grant the Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority and its agents my permission to display my child's artwork that is submitted for the I Love Royal Oak student art contest. Further, the Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority may display my child's name, schoolteacher, and school information on the displayed artwork, within media press releases announcing winners, and any other web content for marketing purposes.

Furthermore, I understand that no royalty, fee or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use.

I hereby release Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority and its agents and assigns from any claims that may arise from these uses, including but not limited to claims of defamation or invasion of privacy, or of infringement of moral rights or right of publicity or copyright.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_



## STUDENT ARTIST STATEMENT

**ARTWORK TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARTIST STATEMENT:**

*(We recommend this brief statement be 250 characters or less; about 3 sentences.)*

Scoring will be done with consideration to each division.

FOR DDA INTERNAL USE ONLY:	
ENTRY NUMBER	
ENTRY DIVISION	

CRITERIA	WOW! [9-10 points]	ON THE MARK [6-8 points]	NEEDS SOME WORK [3-5 points]	NEEDS LOTS OF WORK [0-2 points]	SCORE
<b>Creativity &amp; Originality</b>	Original, creative, and unique  <i>Something not often seen and grabs your attention.</i>	Some original thought and is moderately creative.  <i>Something that's nice but doesn't grab your full attention.</i>	Has little original thought.  <i>Some creativity. Part(s) of it may grab you, but not all of it.</i>	No original thinking.  <i>Generic...been there, done that.</i>	
<b>Adherence to Theme</b>	Includes notable Royal Oak imagery or scenery and theme is apparent.	Includes imagery or scenery that could depict Royal Oak. Good use of theme.	Includes imagery or scenery that may loosely be related to Royal Oak. Use of theme is not complete.	No connection between imagery or scenery to Royal Oak. Does not embody theme.	
<b>Overall Appeal &amp; Quality</b>	Excellent quality and is very appealing and memorable.	Quality and appeal is good, but not necessarily memorable.	Quality and appeal is somewhat good but could use further work.	Quality and appeal is completely off the mark.	
<b>NOTES:</b>					