

APRIL 23rd NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN'S DAY

&

UNESCO WORLD ART DAY PAINTING CONTEST, 2025

1. CONTEST SPECIFICATIONS

April 23rd National Sovereignty and Children's Day, which the Founder of the Republic of Turkey, the Great Leader **Gazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk**, gifted to our children, the guarantee of our future, reminds us once again of our responsibilities. To contribute to UNESCO World Art Day, the Turkish Women's Union of America (ATKB), a member of the United Nations Department of Global Communications (UNDGC), and the Atatürk School in New York are organizing a painting contest on Climate Action.

The contest aims to bring Atatürk's words symbolizing peace, equality and a future in harmony with nature to the present day by drawing attention to the United Nations' 13th Sustainable Development Goal, “**Climate Action**”. Atatürk's important words such as “**Peace at Home, Peace in the World**”, “**Protecting nature is protecting the future**”, “**Tomorrow's nature is created today**”, “**Trees, flowers and greenery mean civilization**” will be combined with a global vision through art and reflected through the creativity of young participants.

The aim of the competition is to enable young minds to express these words and Sustainable Development Goal 13 through art. Participants are expected to create works that aim to raise awareness on combating climate change, protecting natural resources and sustainable environmental policies. Thus, the contest is not just an art competition, but aims to inspire and create a global call for a sustainable world.

In addition to being rich in color, composition and expression, the artworks participating in the competition will carry a strong message towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, especially the “Climate Action” goal. In this way, participants will have the opportunity to be heard by a worldwide art community.

The competition is open to children ages 6-14 living in the United States and Canada. Judging will take place in three different age groups: 6-8 years old, 9-11 years old and 12-14 years old. The competition will be run by ATKB and the Atatürk School of New York.

Atatürk saw peace as the foundation of everything. If we protect nature and work together against climate change, we will bring peace not only to people but also to our world. Be an ambassador for peace!

You can make our children watch the videos below to inspire them:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=myt3Z0115o4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJoAcD0oUww>

About the Contest:

Subject: Climate Action

Dimensions: 30,5cm x 45,7cm/ 12” x 18” **No other than art paper will be accepted. Style:**

Freestyle (Pastel, Oil Paint, Watercolor, Dry Paint...etc.) Collage and digital are not accepted. **Age**

Group: 6-8 years old children born (2017-2015)

9-11 years old children born (2014-2012)

12-14 years old children born (2011-2009)

PRIZE

	<u>6- 8 years old</u>	<u>9-11 years old</u>	<u>12-14 years old</u>
Grand Prize:	TABLET	TABLET	TABLET
Second Prize:	100\$	100\$	100\$
Third Prize:	50\$	50\$	50\$
Honorable Mention:	Art Kit	Art kit	Art Kit

Terms of Participation:

1. Children between the ages of 6-11, students of Atatürk School in New York and all children in the USA and Canada can participate in the competition.

2. All students participating in the competition will receive a certificate of participation.

3. The contest consists of two stages as preselection and final evaluation.

4. It is necessary to register on the web page until 19:00 on Monday, **10/March/2025**, and upload the painting to <https://atkb.org/painting-contest/>..

5. Paintings will be evaluated online among the photos uploaded to the website. For this reason, the photo uploaded to the site should be taken right across the painting, covering the entire screen and in high resolution. The photograph must be uploaded online to the <https://atkb.org/painting-contest/> website without any technical changes (color, light, etc.). If any technical interference is detected, the contestants will be eliminated from the contest even if they have received an award.

6. The paintings that are deemed worthy of an award in the final evaluation online are published on the internet address <https://atkb.org/painting-contest/> on **05/April/2025**.

7. At the final stage, participants are required to deliver their works to the address that will be

communicated to them in order for their works to be exhibited.

8. The paintings that reach the finals must be sent by courier with a signature or delivered by hand with a signature to the address provided to the participants. This should be done no later than April 11, 2025, to be exhibited at the New York Turkish House. It is required that the transportation fee is covered by the participating student.

Paintings that do not reach the specified address by the mentioned date will be disqualified from the contest and will not be exhibited. No claim can be made on the prize.

9. All artwork should be mailed in a roll in an art tube. The student's name, last name, age and the state that they are attending from must be written legibly with pencil at the back of the mat. **Name and signature should not be on the painting.**

10. The organizing committee of the contest is not responsible for any problems that may occur during the transportation of the artwork.

11. Participants are allowed to submit artworks to the contest that have not received awards in any previous contests.

12. The participant agrees to participate in the contest with an original (not copied/stolen) work.

13. The copyright of all works belongs to TWLA . TWLA have the right to use the pictures for any product it will prepare. No payment is made to the participants who receive awards.

TWLA is a non-profit corporation under US law. Copyrights cannot be sold. TWLA do not act as an intermediary in requests for commercial use of the works for any reason.

14. TWLA has the right to publish the awarded works on its website, social media, written and other visual media.

15. TWLA may exhibit the awarded works in other exhibitions it deems appropriate. TWLA do not obtain permission from the award-winning participant for this.

16. TWLA has the right to use the paintings for any product it will prepare. TWLA do not make a separate payment to the owners for these.

17. All rights arising from commercial reasons and all copyrights of the awarded works belong to TWLA .

18. First degree relatives of the members of the jury cannot participate.

3. COPYRIGHT

1. The participants are deemed to have declared that they accepted the conditions of participation by applying for the painting contest on Climate Action, which is held to contribute to the National Sovereignty and Children's Day & UNESCO World Art Day. Works that are found to be unsuitable for any of the participation conditions will be banned from the contest by the commission.

2. Works that are determined to be copied or stolen will not be evaluated by the contest jury. The jury reserves the right to consider any work worthy of an award, and if a work is found to be copied or stolen, the award will be revoked. In such instances, the participant is required to return the certificate and monetary award. This situation does not grant new rights to other participants.

The legal and financial expenses of any problems that may arise during participation in the contest belong to the contestant. The contest organization is not responsible for any problems that may arise.

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JURY COMMITTEE

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Contest Application Deadline for Preselection: **10/March/2025**
- Announcement Date of Award Winners in the Finals: **05/April/2025**
- Deadline of Delivery of Award Winning Pictures to the Address: **11/ April/2025**
- Award Ceremony and Exhibition Opening: **20/April/2025-27/April/2025**

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