



Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™
School Art Program
2025/2026 QUICK DRAW CONTEST RULES



1. Any junior high (grades 6 - 8) or any high school (grades 9-12) student enrolled in a public independent school district or private school that is registered as a participant in the current Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Program may apply. The student does not need to be currently enrolled in an art class.
2. All applicants must have a social security number (SSN) or an individual tax identification number (ITIN). S numbers are not accepted. Applicants must provide their tax number on a completed W-9 at the sign-in table on the contest day in order to compete in the contest.
3. All applicants must submit one JPEG file of a black and white sketch on an **8.5 x 11** sheet of white paper along with their application. **Submitted drawings must be a "quick sketch" with a recommended time limit of 50 minutes**, which is the same amount of time given during the competition. **Only one entry per student may be submitted with the application.** Drawings and applications will not be returned and become property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.
4. The contest will have one junior high class and two high school classes:
Junior High:
Still Life Class (should include more than one object)

High School:
Full Figure Class (head to toe with all clothing defined)
Portrait Class (full head, not to extend beyond the subject's chest)
5. High school contestants may participate in only one class. Class preferences must be marked on the application, or the application will not be considered. **Student's 1st Class preference is not guaranteed and is assigned at check-in.**
6. **Applications will be accepted October 27, 2025 through October 31, 2025.** Applications must be received by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo no later than the deadline of October 31, 2025 by 7:00pm. **Late applications will not be accepted.**
7. **All applications will be submitted through the online portal, mailed-in submissions will not be considered.**
8. **Notification of selection for the contest will be communicated to selected finalists and alternates by November 21, 2025, by email. The selected finalists and alternates will also be posted on the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo website at www.rodeohouston.com no later than November 21, 2025. The contest winners will be posted on the website after the contest.**

9. Each high school class will have 33 finalists, resulting in a total of 66 high school finalists and 26 junior high finalists who will participate in the contest. A minimum of five finalists in a class is required to qualify the class to be judged.
10. Students will need to complete a Release of Liability and Indemnity form on the online portal. A W-9 form will be emailed to students selected as finalists. Please bring a copy of the completed W-9 form with you to the contest. **DO NOT MAIL TO THE SHOW.**
11. The contest will be held in NRG Center on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Participant check-in begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 1:45 p.m. Alternates will be seated promptly at 1:45 p.m. **Late participants will NOT be seated after alternates have been seated.**
12. Students may bring their own drawing pencils (3B, black Prisma or charcoal) or use the 3B or black Prisma pencils furnished at the contest.
13. School Art Committee judges will set up the Still Life and the Portrait and Full Figure models and judge the Quick Draw Contest. Only one entry per student will be judged.
14. An Overall High School Champion will be awarded from all submissions in both classes. A Class Champion and a Reserve Class Champion will also be selected from each high school class.
15. The junior high Still Life Class will have a Champion and a Reserve Champion.
16. Winners will be announced and recognition awards presented immediately following the judging.
17. Cash prizes will be awarded and will be mailed in April 2026.
18. The judge's decisions are final.
19. Finalists who participate in the contest and selected alternates who participate in the contest will have the opportunity to apply for the Glassell Jr. School of Art through the Museum of Fine Art Houston.
20. All eligible 12th grade finalists and alternates in attendance at the contest will be able to apply for a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo college scholarship.
21. All winning art will become the property of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.