



# WSCO YOUTH EISTEDDFOD ART CONTEST

## *RULES & ENTRY FORM for* **2015 CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**



This competition is sponsored by WSCO (the Welsh Society of Central Ohio), a non-profit corporation, registered with the Secretary of State of Ohio. Find details and updates relating to this competition, or more about WSCO through our website ([www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org](http://www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org)), by phone (614-500-7998), or upon written request sent to WSCO, PO Box 12023, Columbus, OH 43212.

**PURPOSE:** WSCO hopes this competition will make a positive impression, and increase awareness of Welsh culture and heritage among Ohio's youth, while also encouraging their interest in the creative arts, the Welsh Eisteddfod tradition, and culture and heritage in general. Additionally, we hope the creation of Welsh-themed greeting cards may also promote and increase awareness of Welsh culture and heritage.

**What is an EISTEDDFOD?** An Eisteddfod (pronounced "eye-steth-vode") is traditionally (since the 12<sup>th</sup> century) a Welsh festival of the creative and performing arts, with competitions centered around literature, poetry and music, with a focus on the Welsh language. The traditional prize is a chair. Creativity is so important in Welsh culture, the Eisteddfod is a highly respected tradition, full of formality and often limited to high society. Modern Eisteddfodau have expanded to include more creative arts categories, and to be open to all. With this more flexible modern view in mind, WSCO (with its limited resources) has begun with this art competition, hoping to expand in the future.

**What are the PRIZES?** The *Grand Prize*: The first place winning design will be featured on a greeting card offered through WSCO following the close of the competition. Additionally, each of the winners of the *top three* designs will receive a **Certificate** from WSCO, in addition to a **Monetary Prize**: **1<sup>st</sup> Place wins \$125; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place wins \$50; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place wins \$25.**

**RULES:** By entering the competition, you are agreeing to these rules, and you grant WSCO license to use, reproduce, alter, re-size, publish, distribute, and publicly display the Design (and supporting statement / caption, if applicable).

- 1. Eligibility:** To be eligible, Child must be an Ohio resident, age 8-15 in the year of the entry, and MAY NOT be part of the immediate family or household of a current member of WSCO's Board of Directors. All entries must include a completed entry form, including the signature of a parent / legal guardian.
- 2. Theme and Design Requirements:** Create an **original, 2-D, 8"x10" design appropriate for a Welsh-themed Christmas Card.** Artwork must fit on a standard letter-sized page, leaving a thin border around the edge. NOTE - the artwork will be reduced, and may be edited slightly to be prepared and optimized for review and print. Hands off, please, parents and siblings! The artwork must be the child's own original, unpublished work, and must not copy any other work. No tracings or clip-art, please.
- 3. Entry Period: Begins** when announced on or shortly after March 1, 2015, and **Ends July 1, 2015.**
- 4. How to Enter:** DO NOT FOLD ARTWORK - Carefully package and mail Artwork with Completed, SIGNED Entry form to:

**WSCO - Attn. Youth Eisteddfod  
P.O. Box 12023  
Columbus, Ohio 43212**

WSCO cannot be responsible for illegible, incomplete, lost, damaged, or delayed entries. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED. NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN

### **Important Tips:**

- 1. AVOID WRITING OR LETTERING WITHIN YOUR DESIGN** - writing usually hurts more than it helps, especially when reduced. You may include a caption or Christmas Greeting separately, which WSCO will strongly consider printing separately on the card.
  - 2. SIGN THE BACK, IN PENCIL,** and along an edge. Since designs will be presented for anonymous review, a name cannot be visible.
  - 3. DO NOT FOLD or wrinkle your design.** Carefully package it in a large envelope, with a piece of cardboard, or something to keep it flat, and write "do not bend" on your envelope. Also, address your envelope without the artwork inside, to prevent pressure marks.
  - 4. Make it COLORFUL, THOUGHTFUL and CAREFUL** - Juries tend to prefer thoughtful designs that have strong / bright colors, appear to be carefully drawn/painted, and show an understanding of Welsh culture and tradition within the Christmas theme, all considering the age of the artist. It helps to color solid areas neatly and thoroughly. Please take your time!
  - 5. Please AVOID METALLIC OR FLUORESCENT COLORS,** as they may not translate well to the print format.
- 5. General Conditions:** All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. WSCO reserves the right to modify or cancel the competition if it cannot be run as planned, and to disqualify any Artist from the Competition if, in WSCO's sole discretion, it reasonably believes that the Artist has attempted to undermine the legitimate operation of the Competition by cheating, deception, or other unfair playing practices or annoys, abuses, threatens or harasses any other Artists, WSCO member or anyone else related to the Competition. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED. See Complete Details on the Eisteddfod page(s) of WSCO's website: [www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org](http://www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org).

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**OHIO YOUTH ages 8 to 15 are eligible to submit their ORIGINAL DESIGN.**  
More information available at [www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org](http://www.WelshSocietyofCentralOhio.org).

Mail *THIS COMPLETED PAGE* with your carefully-packaged artwork *before the July 1, 2015 deadline* to:

**WSCO, ATTN: WSCO YOUTH EISTEDDFOD  
PO BOX 12023; COLUMBUS, OH 43212**

\* indicates required field

\***ARTIST'S NAME & AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you would like it to be published, in the event that you win) - please print clearly. All entrants must be at least 8, and no more than 15 in 2015.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** (Note - Winners may receive notifications and prizes by regular mail. be notified, and will receive prizes by mail. Except when clearly indicated, WSCO will not sell or share this information, and will only use it in relation to the administration of this Competition.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*HOUSE NUMBER, STREET NAME (and APT#, if applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*CITY, STATE (must be OH) and ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONTACT EMAIL or PHONE NUMBER (for administration - we will not share or sell)

*Reminder: Winners' Names, Ages and Cities will be included in publications and announcements*

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**CAPTION /DESCRIPTION** (*OPTIONAL* - may or may not be printed with the design, at WSCO's discretion)

Check this box if you would like us to contact you for future WSCO events that may be of similar interest.

**PLEASE Indicate agreement with ALL of the following statements by Signing Below.**

- I have my parent's (or legal guardian's) permission to participate in this Competition, in accordance with the Official Rules, and I meet all eligibility requirements (or am a parent/legal guardian providing my permission).
- All information provided here is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- The Artwork included is my own, original artwork, and meets all of the Design Requirements.
- I am not a member of the immediate family or household of a current WSCO Board Member.
- In the event that I win, I grant WSCO Permission and rights to use my name, age, city and my original design in accordance with the the Rules of this competition..

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\* **SIGNATURE OF ARTIST** (ENTRANT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\* **SIGNATURE OF ARTIST'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN** (by signing, you are confirming that you have read, understand, and accept the Rules of this competition, and that all eligibility requirements have been met.)

\* **PLEASE PRINT NAME OF PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIOLCH (Thank you) FOR ENTERING, and POB LWC! (Good Luck!)**

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