

CSTE 75th Anniversary Art Contest

By participating in this CSTE 75th Anniversary Art contest (“Contest”), you agree to be bound by these terms and all applicable laws and regulations.

CONTEST RULES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. OPEN TO US RESIDENTS. ENTRY IN THIS CONTEST CONSTITUTES YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE OFFICIAL RULES.

DEFINITIONS:

Contest means this CSTE 75th Anniversary Art Contest.

CSTE means the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.

Entrant or **You/Your** means the person who is entering the Contest.

Member means any class of dues paying membership as defined in the CSTE Bylaws.

Rules means these Official Rules under which the Contest will be judged and prizes awarded.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible to enter the Contest, an Entrant must be:

- a legal resident of the U.S.
- a current member of CSTE; and
- 18 years of age or older.

CSTE Employees and interns are not eligible to participate.

Contest is void where prohibited by law.

SPONSOR: The Contest is sponsored by CSTE.

CONTEST PERIOD: The Contest begins on Friday April 10, 2026 12:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time and ends on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time (“Contest Period”). All dates may be subject to change.

HOW TO ENTER:

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. One entry per member. Should multiple entries from the same Entrant be received, only the first entry submitted will be accepted and deemed the Entrant’s sole valid entry for the Contest, and all subsequent entries will be disregarded. To enter the Contest:

- a. Create your Art.
 - Your original (no AI) artwork must represent the theme “CSTE at 75 Years: Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Future”.
 - Your art may be in any of the following 2-dimensional medium:
 - drawing and/or painting (i.e., pencil, charcoal, pastels, colored pencils, oil paints, acrylics, water media, mixed media/collage) and/ or
 - original digital creations (which may not include AI or digital image generation of any kind).
- b. Digitize your Art. Capture a digital version of your art. The digital version of your art is what will be judged.
 - Artwork should be submitted as a high resolution (e.g. minimum of 2,400 pixels by 2,400 pixels) image of the original artwork
 - Each file must be under 5 Megabytes in size

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- Artwork must be submitted in .jpg or .png format
- c. Artist Statement. Prepare a three sentence (300 word limit) description to submit with your artwork. The Artist Statement may be used to help judges determine how the art represents the theme. The Artist Statement should:
- Describe the central subject or theme of your piece and how it connects to the CSTE 75th anniversary theme
 - Explain why you chose specific colors, styles, or media.
 - Explain what you want the viewer to feel about CSTE's 75th anniversary after viewing your work.
- d. Use the [Smartsheet Form](#) to complete your Entrant details and to upload one digital version of your art along with the Artist Statement.

An Entrant's submission to the Contest is complete when it is received by CSTE. To be judged for a prize, entries must be:

- complete (as determined by CSTE);
- received by May 8, 2026 11:59pm EDT).

CSTE assumes no responsibility for lost, incomplete, or incorrect entries. All entries become the property of the CSTE and will not be returned or acknowledged as received. Entries received without a complete Entry Form are disqualified from judging although CSTE reserves the right to display disqualified entries as part of any celebration.

ART AND ARTIST STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- They must not be derogatory, offensive, threatening, defamatory, disparaging, libelous or contain any content that is inappropriate, indecent, sexual, profane, tortuous, slanderous, discriminatory in any way, or that promotes hatred or harm against any group or person, or otherwise does not comply with the theme and spirit of the Contest.
- They must not contain content, material or any element that is unlawful, or otherwise in violation of or contrary to all applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations including the laws or regulations in any state where the Art and Artist Statement are created.
- They must not contain any content, material or element that displays any third party advertising, slogan, logo, trademark, representation of characters indicating a sponsorship or endorsement by a third party, commercial entity or that is not within the spirit of the Contest, as determined by CSTE, in its sole discretion.
- They must be original, unpublished works that do not contain, incorporate or otherwise use any content, material or element that is owned by a third party or entity.
- The Art must be the Entrant's own original work. The use of AI tools or technologies to create, in whole or in part, any portion of the Art is not allowed.
- They cannot contain any content, element, or material that violates a third party's publicity, privacy or intellectual property rights.
- The Art and Artist Statement must not include, depict or mention people other than the Entrant.

During the Contest Period, CSTE and/or the Judges (defined below) may evaluate the Art and the Artist Statement for compliance with the Rules. CSTE reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any Entrant who submits Art/Artist Statement that CSTE determines not to be in the spirit of this Contest.

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JUDGING: Each successful Entrant's Art will be evaluated with the Artist Statement and scored equally based on the following criteria ("Criteria"):

- originality,
- representation of the theme,
- overall visual impact/enjoyment.

Contest judges will be comprised of CSTE staff and/or the CSTE Executive Board. If more than 10 submissions are received, an internal CSTE staff round of judging will be conducted and scored based on the Criteria above to select the top ten entries. The judges will review the top 10 submissions and score each submission using the Criteria to determine a Grand-Prize winner. The top 10 submissions will be displayed at the CSTE Annual Conference with a QR code for "fan favorite" voting. A "fan favorite" will be selected by a vote of attendees of the CSTE 2026 Annual Conference which will not be scored according to the Criteria, but "fans" will be encouraged to adhere to the judging Criteria in the Rules. One vote per "fan" email. An Entrant may not win both the Grand Prize and "fan favorite" prize, instead the Entrant with the next highest attendee vote will receive the "fan favorite" prize.

In the event of any tie, the judges will re-evaluate the tied entries according to the Criteria until the tie is broken; however, CSTE reserves the sole right to award two equal prizes (for either Grand Prize or fan favorite) and forego a second judging instead. This tie breaker applies to both the Grand Prize winner and the "fan favorite" winner.

Decisions of the judges are final and binding. If a potential winner is unable, for whatever reason, to accept their prize, then CSTE may award a prize to the Entrant with the next highest score.

Notification of Winner(s): The winners will be announced on Wednesday, June 3 (the last day of sessions) at the CSTE 2026 Annual Conference and winners will be contacted using the contact information provided with their Entry submission. Winners do not need to be present to win.

PRIZES:

The Grand Prize and "fan favorite" winners will each receive a plaque/certificate, a free one-year CSTE membership renewal and a CSTE 75th anniversary swag bag. (Estimated value of each prize \$260.00). In addition, the winners' Art may be framed and displayed at the CSTE national office located in Atlanta, GA until at least May 31, 2027.

No transfer, substitution or cash equivalent of prizes is allowed, except at CSTE's sole discretion. CSTE reserves the right to substitute a prize, in whole or in part, of equal or greater monetary value if a prize cannot be awarded, in whole or in part, as described for any reason.

TAXES: Prize winner(s) are responsible for ensuring that they comply with all the applicable tax laws and filing requirements.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS: By submitting an entry, Entrant represents and warrants that their submission is original and does not infringe upon the intellectual property or other rights of any third party. The Entrant retains ownership of all intellectual property rights in and to the Art and Artist Statement.

Entrant agrees not to submit any Art that: (a) infringes any third party proprietary rights, intellectual property rights, industrial property rights, personal or moral rights or any other rights, including

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without limitation, copyright, trademark, trade names, industrial designs, patent, trade secret, privacy, publicity or confidentiality obligations; or (b) otherwise violates applicable state, federal, or local law.

As a condition of entry, Entrant grants CSTE a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, transferable, royalty-free, and non-exclusive license to use, reproduce, adapt, modify, publish, distribute, publicly perform, create a derivative work from, and display the Art for any purpose, including fundraising, without any attribution or compensation to Entrant. Entries will not be returned.

PRIVACY: Entrants agree and acknowledge that personal data submitted with an entry, including name, mailing address, phone number, and email address may be collected, processed, stored and otherwise used by CSTE for the purposes of the Contest and to contact the Entrant for possible future uses by CSTE of the Art and Artist Statement.

PUBLICITY: By entering the Contest, Entrants agree to participate in any media or promotional activity resulting from the Contest as reasonably requested by CSTE and agree and consent to the use of their name, submitted materials, and/or likeness by CSTE for promotional purposes without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law.

Any Art submitted in the Contest may also be used for publicity, marketing and media purposes and the Entrant agrees to waive any rights and not assert any intellectual property rights that Entrant has or may have in the Art. CSTE reserves the right to publish the name and likeness of an Entrant through any media for publicity purposes.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: By participating, Entrants agree, to the extent permitted by law, agrees to release and indemnify CSTE, its affiliates, partners, employees, board members and agents from any liability, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorney fees) or actions of any kind arising or resulting from participating in the Contest or acceptance, use, or misuse of any prize, including but not limited to technical errors, unauthorized human interventions, or lost, late, incomplete, or misdirected entries.

DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES: The Contest and any associated materials are provided “as is” without warranty of any kind, either express or implied.

RIGHT TO CANCEL, MODIFY OR DISQUALIFY: CSTE reserves the right to modify, suspend, or terminate the Contest at any time, for any reason, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper functioning of the Contest.

WAIVING OF YOUR RIGHTS: These Rules shall be governed by, subject to, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. If any provision(s) of these Rules are held to be invalid or unenforceable, all remaining provisions hereof will remain in full force and effect. To the extent permitted by law, the rights to litigate, seek injunctive relief or make any other recourse to judicial or any other procedure in case of disputes or claims resulting from or in connection with this Contest are hereby excluded, and Entrants expressly waive any and all such rights.