



## Recycled Art Contest 2026, "Happy Birthday, America!"

### Contest Rules

Keep Tyler Beautiful is sponsoring a Recycled Art Contest themed, "Happy Birthday, America!" The contest is open to all Tyler Area students and adults. There will be two separate judging categories.

- Entries must be completed by individuals, not groups, with only one entry per person.
- Artist name must not be visible on the front of the artwork.
- An entry form must be completed and submitted with the artwork.
  - Take multiple, clear pictures of the artwork and submit with the entry form to [ktyb@tylertexas.com](mailto:ktyb@tylertexas.com).
  - If the artwork is a sculpture or has a 3D element, please submit at least three pictures of the artwork, including multiple angles.
  - **Pictures and entry form must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026.**
- Artwork will be judged by select members of Keep Tyler Beautiful and the City of Tyler Parks and Recreation Department. The top three (3) winners in each category will be recognized with their artwork displayed at the Great Tyler Cleanup on April 11, 2026, where they will receive a certificate and a prize. Winners will be notified through the email provided on the entry form.
- **Artwork Specifications**
  - This year's theme is "Happy Birthday, America." Artwork celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday or incorporating patriotic birthday elements will earn extra points.
  - Please only use art materials and recycled materials for artworks. Don't include items such as food waste or hazardous material.
  - Artwork must not exceed 15"x 15" x 25".
  - 3D Artwork must be freestanding.
  - Artwork must be free of any vulgar, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate words, phrases, or imagery.
- **Judging Criteria**
  - 25% - Use of theme
  - 25% - Overall presentation and aesthetic
  - 50% - Creative use of recycled materials

## Recycled Art Contest 2026 Entry Form

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Judging Category:**

Student (K-12)

**Students Only:**

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult (over 18)

School/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Artwork:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dimensions of Artwork (not to exceed 15" x 15" x 25"):**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What recycled materials did you use?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Is there anything else you would like us to know about the artwork?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

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I have read and agree to the terms and conditions listed in the application and/ or RFP.

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Signature of Artist

Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date