

ART CONTEST

I love my  
**COUNTY**  
because...

In an effort to bolster civic education and educate communities on the role of county government, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting the 2022 "I Love My County Because" art contest in conjunction with National County Government Month.

In addition to a \$100 dollar prize, the top 13 submissions will be featured in a NACo calendar, which will be distributed to NACo members nationwide. Winners will also be announced in NACo's publication, County News, and their artwork will be displayed at NACo's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

## What does Johnson County Government do?

Sheriff's  
Office

14  
Libraries

Motor  
vehicle  
registration

Mental Health  
& public health  
clinics

Theatre in  
the Park

Johnson County  
Museum

Board of County  
Commissioners meetings

Meals for  
homebound  
seniors

17  
Parks

2  
Golf  
courses

2  
Airports

Elections

### Hey Johnson County!

In addition to the NACo Art contest, Johnson County Government wants to see your art as well.

Share your art using our hashtag: **#ILoveJoCo**

We will showcase our favorites on our social media pages. Thank you for showing your county pride!

We left some space on the back  
for you to start your masterpiece!

I love Johnson County, KS because...

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### Eligibility

- Only US students, 18 years of age and younger in grades 1 through 12 are eligible during 2022.
- Each submission must be original artwork by one student in the current school year.

### Artwork Guidelines

- Submitted artwork must present a county activity that shows how “Counties Matter” and inspired by the sentence “I love my county because...”
- The artwork must reflect some aspect of a county government function, service or program, to celebrate National County Government Month.
- The artwork must be horizontal 11” x 8.5” (PDF or JPEG). The most important elements of the artwork must not extend beyond 10.5” 8” to account for trimming during the calendar production process.

### Judging Criteria

- **Technical skill:** The artwork must display artistic skill in painting, drawing or digital art.
- **Creativity:** The artwork must be original in its expression of a personal vision or voice. It must be the student’s own work and cannot be plagiarized or in violation of any copyright.

- **Artist’s statement:** Along with the artwork, each student is required to submit a statement that explains how “Counties Matter” in their community or complete the sentence “I love my county because...”
- Each entry must include the artist’s name, grade, school, county and contact information (for the student, a parent or guardian’s email address and phone number) and a teacher (email address and phone numbers).

### Deadline & Submission Requirements

- The competition submission period closes October 7, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. ET.
- Students must submit their artwork for consideration at [naco.org/art](http://naco.org/art)
- The artwork must be submitted as a PDF or JPEG. (Winners will be notified and asked to mail their original artwork to NACo.)
- The artist’s statement including name, age, grade level, school, teacher or art teacher and contact information for a guardian or teacher must be submitted as a .doc or .docx file.
- For digital art or graphic design submissions, the design must be 300 dpi and RGB color.
- Only one submission per student is allowed.
- There is no entry fee.
- Please mail original artwork to:  
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660 N. Capitol St. NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20001  
Attention: Leon Lawrence III, Design Director