

## **OFFICIAL RULES**

### **2023 THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT ANNUAL REPORT COVER CONTEST**

#### **SPONSORED BY THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT**

1. Contest Overview: Third Judicial Circuit Court (“Court”), is sponsoring a contest for High School students in Wayne County to design the cover of the 2023 Third Judicial Circuit Court Annual Report (“Cover Contest”). One 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner and two runner-ups will be selected based on the evaluation criteria specified in these Official Rules (“Rules”). Only one original artwork submission per student will be accepted. All interpretations of these Rules and decisions relating to the Annual Report Cover Contest made by the Court are final.

2. Registration Period: The Annual Report Cover Contest registration period commences at 9:00 AM ET on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 and ends at 4:00 PM ET on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, (“Registration Period”). All entries must be submitted in a digital format in the highest resolution possible scaled to fit on an 8 ½” x 11” page. Email entries to: [AnnualReportCoverContest@3rdcc.org](mailto:AnnualReportCoverContest@3rdcc.org). All submissions must be received no later than 4:00 PM ET on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 and be accompanied with a completed Registration Form.

3. Eligibility: The Annual Report Cover Contest is open to High School students in Wayne County during the Registration Period (“Participants”). This includes 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. High School students under 18 years of age must have permission from a parent or guardian to participate in the Annual Report Cover Contest. All entries must be approved by the student’s teacher and/or school official.

This contest is open to high school students who reside or attend high school in Wayne County. However, the following students are disqualified: any immediate family members of Third Circuit Court employees and retirees, contractors, or elected Court officials. For purposes of this contest, “immediate family members” includes without limitation, children, grandchildren, siblings, in-laws, and/or step relationships in any of these categories.

The Court reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any Participant who is deemed to be in conflict with the eligibility requirements or contest rules of the Annual Report Cover Contest.

4. To Enter: Participants may obtain entry forms online at [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org). The entry form must be completed fully to include the Participant's first and last name, age, name(s) of parent(s) or guardian(s), home address, e-mail address and phone number. Each entry form must be received with the Participant's artwork and signed by the student; parent, if the student is under 18 years old; and the student's teacher and/or school official.

#### 5. Artwork Guidelines:

There is no specific theme for the Annual Report Cover Contest. The objective is to have artwork that is relevant to the judicial system (court, law, and justice). The original artwork may be in any medium chosen by the Participant. However, the submitted image of the artwork must be in a medium and size that can be easily replicated for the cover of the Annual Report.

You may find samples of previous covers located at [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org).

All artwork must be completely original to Participant and must not have been taken, in whole or in part, from anyone other than the Participant. Artwork deemed to be too similar to a copied source or plagiarized will be disqualified. Artwork must not have been used for commercial purposes or received a prize in another contest.

Participants are limited to one submission per year.

For any artwork submitted in which a person is recognizable, participants must secure a release from the subject or, in the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian and, upon request, provide it to the Court.

The Court reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any artwork that it deems to be a violation of the Rules or that is not in keeping with the Court's image. The Court may request a Participant to modify or edit the artwork to meet such standards.

The Court will not return submitted artwork. By submitting artwork, Participants agree that all artwork shall become the property of the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan. The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan shall have the absolute right to publish, replicate, and display the artwork in any manner it deems appropriate.

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6. Prizes: There will be three (3) prizes.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner will be awarded a laptop computer, 1<sup>st</sup> Place plaque, and have a reproduction of his or her artwork appear on the cover of the 2022 Third Judicial Circuit Court Annual Report, with his or her name listed as the artwork creator.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winner will be awarded a \$100 Visa and/or Mastercard gift card and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place plaque.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner will be awarded a \$50 Visa and/or Mastercard gift card and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place plaque.

The Court reserves the right to substitute the prize and to award additional prizes to other Participants than those specified herein.

All applicable taxes and any other costs and expenses associated with participation in the contest or acceptance and use of the prize, not specifically provided for in these Rules, are solely the winner's responsibility.

7. Judging: Judging will be based on all of the evaluation criteria specified in these Rules.

Judges will include representatives of the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan. The judges will evaluate all qualified entries on the following criteria: (i) creativity, (ii) skill, and (iii) overall artistic impact.

8. Selection and Notification: The winner will be selected from among all eligible entries by December 1, 2023. The Court will notify the winner and announce the winner on the Court's website at [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org). The Court reserves the right to select an alternative winner in the event that any potential winner fails to comply with these Official Rules.

9. Winner Verification: To be eligible to be declared a winner and to receive the prize, the potential winner(s) must sign: (i) Affidavit of Eligibility and Release releasing the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan from any and all liability, loss, claims, demands, and causes of action relating to participation in this Contest and attesting to eligibility as it relates to age, residence/school enrollment and identity; and (ii) a publicity release granting the Court the right to use potential winner's name, picture and/or likeness, or biographical information for publicity purposes, in any media now or hereafter known, throughout the world in perpetuity without additional compensation or consideration or

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notification. The Court expressly reserves the right to delay the announcement of the winner for any reason the Court deems necessary.

10. General Terms: The Court is not responsible if the Annual Report Cover Contest cannot take place or if the prize cannot be awarded due to events outside of the reasonable control of the Court. The Court reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend all or any part of the Cover Contest.

**Disclaimer.** The Court will not be responsible for: (a) any late, lost, misrouted, garbled, distorted, or damaged transmissions or entries; (b) telephone, electronic, hardware, software, network, Internet, or other computer or communications related malfunctions or failures; (c) any contest disruptions, injuries, losses or damages caused by events beyond the control of the Court or by non-authorized human intervention; or (d) any printing or typographical errors in any materials associated with the contest.

**General Release.** By entering the contest, you release and hold harmless the Court from any liability whatsoever, and waive any and all causes of action, related to any claims, cost, injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the contest or delivery, misdelivery, acceptance, possession, use of or inability to use any prize (including, without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional), whether under a theory of contract, tort (including negligence), warranty or other theory.

Any violation of the Rules by a winner will result in such winner's disqualification as a winner of the contest and all privileges as a winner will be immediately terminated.

11. Request for Names of Winners and Rules: For the name of the winner send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Court Administration, Two Woodward Avenue, 711 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit, MI 48226.