

# INSECT ART CONTEST 2026

*Metamorphosis Magic*

## Contest Announcement & Rules



WATCH FOR JUDGING  
RESULTS  
in mid-May on the KSRE  
Pesticide Safety and  
Integrated Pest  
Management Program  
Facebook page!



The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas. This year, the theme is “*Metamorphosis Magic*.” The goal is to explore insects that go through complete and incomplete metamorphosis, then create artwork that fits the contest theme.

We will select a winner from each of the outlined categories and one overall winner will be selected from those entries. Artists that have art selected as 1st - 3rd place winners will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Select artwork may be used to create educational items.

- Kindergarten - 2nd grade
- 3rd grade - 5th grade
- 6th grade - 8th grade
- 9th grade - 12th grade
- Adults
- Traditional Illustration: Drawing or painting
- 3-D: canvas, collage, pottery, stained glass, or other media
- Digital Artwork

## Rules

- Only one art entry per participant may be entered each year
- A legible, completed entry form must accompany all entries (*use provided entry form*)
- Traditional illustrations must be on 8.5" x 11" flat paper; Digital art must be 8.5" x 11" print size
- Participants may choose to email a jpg or png image of the entry if wanting to keep their original artwork; however, the image must be clear. The file should be named as the artist's name and age level (example: firstname.lastname.agelevel)
- Entries must be the original work of the entrant - no traced or copyright protected images
- Entries must feature an insect as the central point of focus that fits the contest theme
- A legible, completed art label must be attached to original artwork (*use provided art label*)
- **Entries must be postmarked or received by April 15, 2026**

**Mail entries to:** Frannie Miller  
Pesticide Safety and IPM Program  
600 West Woodside  
McPherson, KS 67460

**Or email to:** Frannie Miller  
Email address: [pesticidesafety@ksu.edu](mailto:pesticidesafety@ksu.edu)  
Subject Line: Insect Art Contest Submission

## Return of Original Artwork

Participants may pick up their entries at the McPherson County Extension Office during operating hours after June 1, 2026, or elect to pay for mailing materials and postage to have original artwork returned.

# INSECT ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM & LABEL

*Complete form and send  
with art entry*

Entries will be judged according to their adherence to the contest theme and overall visual impact, originality, artistic skill, and effort level. We are looking for colorful and creative art. Have fun!



## ENTRY FORM - FILL OUT & SEND WITH ALL ARTWORK

### Artist Information

First Name :

Last Name :

School Grade (write Adult if out of high school) : \_\_\_\_\_

School/4-H Club/Affiliation : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_ County : \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address : \_\_\_\_\_

### Artwork Category & Information

☐ Traditional Illustration ☐ Digital Art ☐ 3-D Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Description of Artwork : \_\_\_\_\_

### Artwork Pickup Information

☐ I do not need the artwork returned ☐ I plan to pick up the artwork after June 1st

☐ I will contact you about payment to return the artwork by mail

## ART LABEL - FOR ORIGINAL ARTWORK

Artwork Title : \_\_\_\_\_  
Artist Name : \_\_\_\_\_  
School/4-H Club/Affiliation : \_\_\_\_\_  
Grade/Adult : \_\_\_\_\_  
County : \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out, cut and tape to the back of original artwork, on the lower right side.