



2nd Annual Gulfport Arts Festival Art Contest

Entries Due July 15th 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

Submit an entry for the 2nd Annual Gulfport Arts Festival Poster Design Contest. The 2nd Annual Gulfport Arts Festival will be held on September 19th at Gulfport Arts Center, Gulfport. The theme of the Gulfport Arts Festival is a celebration of Gulfport and the rich art culture that thrives here. Organizer of the event is the Gulfport Arts Center in partnership with the city of Gulfport.

Rules & Requirements:

1. A picture of the art may be submitted via email to cbcbus5908@gmail.com. With the subject line: Gulfport Arts Festival ART CONTEST. Art may also be submitted in person at the Gulfport Arts Center, 1300 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501. Please attached the form below to your artwork entry. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ARTWORK (this is for judging purposes, artwork may be signed after judging).**
2. Each artist may submit one (1) entry for consideration in any medium (All work must be original. AI generated work will NOT be accepted).
3. Artists must be able to attend the unveiling on July 18th, 2026 at the Gulfport Arts Center, 1300 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501 at 2:00pm.
4. No entry fee required to participate.
5. No size restrictions but artwork must be vertically oriented and be able to be reproduced in 16"x20" poster size. Work may, but is not required, to contain the name and year of the festival.
6. Artists should note we are looking for creative, artistic work that depicts the City of Gulfport and the rich art culture that thrives here.
7. The design must be suitable for poster (and possible T-shirt) reproduction.
8. Entry deadline is Wednesday, July 15th, 2026, 4:00 p.m.
9. The decision of the judges is final.

The artist submitting the winning design will be awarded \$200.00 (two free t-shirts applicable only if the Gulfport Arts Festival Committee has t-shirts printed) and two unsigned posters for his/her own use, but the original artwork will legally become the sole property of the Gulfport Arts Festival for its permanent collection and for reproduction. Winning artwork will be unveiled on July 18th, 2026 at the Gulfport Arts Center, 1300 24th Avenue, Gulfport, MS 39501 at 2:00pm. The artwork and any duplication thereof will be the sole property of the Gulfport Arts Center. The Gulfport Arts Festival will also retain the right to use the artist's name in present and future promotional activities for the Gulfport Arts Festival. The Gulfport Arts Festival Committee will determine the number of posters, t-shirts and price for each.

Any technical questions or for further information contact the Gulfport Arts Center at 228-868-0705 or cbcbus5908@gmail.com.

Gulfport Arts Festival Artwork Information Form

Thank you for your interest in submitting artwork for the Gulfport Arts Festival. Please complete the form below with your details.

Personal Information:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP Code:** _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Artwork Details:

Title of Artwork: _____

Medium Used: _____

Dimensions (if applicable): _____

Brief Description of Artwork:

Submission Agreement

I acknowledge that by submitting my artwork, I grant permission for the Gulfport Arts Festival to display, promote, and potentially use my artwork for festival-related marketing. I affirm that this submission is my original work and does not infringe on any copyrights.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for your submission!