



Maryland Foreign Language Association

Visual Arts Contest 2012

Theme: **World Languages. Are You Connected?**

Deadline: April 25, 2012

Guidelines for Students

Category I

Students must design their own picture using this year's theme. The illustration should be created/drawn on an 8 ½ by 11 inch piece of plain white paper (letter orientation is preferred). The theme must be clearly stated somewhere in or near the illustration.

Specifications for Category I:

1. All illustrations must have flat surfaces. Do not use glue or any type of adhesive.
2. No three-dimensional illustrations will be considered.
3. Illustrations can be in color or black and white.
4. **Illustrations may not display copyrighted figures or images**, e.g., Garfield, Snoopy, Mickey Mouse.

Category II

Students may create their own technology-based project **using their own images** (not images from the internet). This may take the form of a powerpoint/computer-designed presentation/webpage, video using this year's theme. Presentations can be created in Windows or Mac format. Students must include text with graphics of their own design to support the theme. **Students may not use copyrighted images from the internet without permission.**

Specifications for Category II:

1. The project must be in Windows or MAC format, consisting of no more than 6 slides or pages.
2. The project must have text to support graphics.
3. The project must be submitted on CD, labeled according to Guidelines for Teachers (see below) and include a printed hard copy.
4. **Projects may not display copyrighted figures or images taken without permission from the internet.**

All Entries in both Category I & II will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Adherence to specifications
- Theme relevance
- Visual Impact
- Neatness, spelling accuracy
- Originality

Guidelines for Teachers:

1. **Sponsoring teachers must be current members of MFLA.** Schools are limited to five entries per category.
2. Each entry must include the following information:
 - Student's name, grade, language and level
 - School name, county, school address, school phone number
 - Teacher's first and last name & email address
3. Winners will be selected for elementary, middle, high school, and post-secondary in each category. In addition, there will be an overall winner selected.
4. The first place winner in each category will receive a cash prize of \$50. The overall winner will receive \$100. Sponsoring teacher of the overall winner will receive a free one year membership renewal.
5. Entries become the property of MFLA and cannot be returned.
6. Winners will be contacted through their teacher and be invited to a special event at the MFLA fall conference. **Teachers of winners should notify the Awards Chair if he/she changes schools or if the student winner changes schools, graduates and/or is no longer in the state, etc.**
7. Winners' entries will be proudly featured in the upcoming fall MFLA conference program.
8. All participating students will receive a certificate, mailed to their teacher.
9. Please complete the form below & submit along with all school entries to:

Deborah McGee Mifflin
Awards Committee Chair
9414 St. Andrews Way
Silver Spring, MD 20901
Phone: 410-516-7592
Fax: 410-516-5358
mifflind@jhu.edu

Entries must be received by: **April 25, 2012**

Late entries will not be accepted.
Entries that do not meet specified criteria or that have
spelling errors (in any language) will be disqualified.



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Teacher: _____

Level: ____ Elem ____ Middle ____ High School ____ Higher Ed

Email: _____

_____ I have verified my active MFLA membership with the
Awards Chair.

School: _____

Address: _____

of entries submitted:

_____ Category I

_____ Category II