



Designing Our Future: Art Contest



About the project

- Durham Region's Strategic Plan is the guiding document that outlines how we deliver service excellence through leadership, collaboration, innovation and environmental stewardship.
- The current [Durham Region Strategic Plan](#) is approaching its end in December 2024.
- Work is underway to develop Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan and we need your help to design our future!

We want to hear from you!

- Your voice matters! We are calling on all young artists to share your vision for Durham Region – your home and community.
- Your images and designs will inform Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan, which will act as a compass to advance our work to achieve the futures we want to create.

Eligibility

To enter the art contest:

- Your parent/legal guardian must provide consent to participate and agree to the contest rules outlined below.
- You must live in Durham Region.
- You are currently enrolled in elementary or secondary school.



Submission Guidelines

- The theme of the art contest is “Designing our Future”.
- Participants are asked to design and submit images of their vision for Durham Region 10 years from now (the year 2034).
- Participants are to include a few sentences to describe their future vision of Durham Region to complement their submission.
- Each applicant can only make one submission.
- Students can enter the following types of artwork:
 - Original visual art (painting, drawing, colouring, etc.)
 - Original digital art (digital drawing, digital painting, digital photography, etc.)
 - Original photographs must be taken by the contestant.
 - Consent is required for any images of people who appear in your photographs.

How to Enter

- The contest opens on March 1, 2024.
- Artwork must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) March 31, 2024.
- Submit your artwork via durham.ca/StratPlan2025

Final Deliverable

- If selected, the artists must be able to submit their artwork in high-resolution JPEG format (300 dpi). Support will be provided.
- Final artwork is due within 14-days of selection.

Selection of Winners

- A committee will be established to select the winners of the contest.
- Selection criteria will include quality, originality, and how thoughtfully the artist has incorporated the theme into their design.
- A winner from each of the following age categories will be announced by May 10, 2024:
 - 6 years of age and under
 - 7 to 9 years of age
 - 10 to 12 years of age
 - 13 to 15 years of age
 - 16 to 18 years of age



Winners

One winner from each age category will be selected and will receive a \$100 gift card to Michael's. The winning artwork may also be featured and displayed:

- In a temporary display at Durham Region's Headquarters;
- Within Regional publications including the 'What we heard' report and Durham Region's 2025 Strategic Plan;
- On Durham Region's external website and social media platforms; and
- On Regional facilities digital screens.

Contest Rules

- Submissions must adhere to the Region of Durham's:
 - [Purchasing By-Law](#)
 - [Full contest rules and regulations](#)

Accessibility Notice

Applicants who require special assistance to participate in this opportunity are encouraged to contact strategic.planning@durham.ca or call 905-668-4113 Ext. 2155 at least one week before the application deadline to allow Durham Region to accommodate your needs.

For more information, please visit: durham.ca/StratPlan2025

Please send any questions to strategic.planning@durham.ca