

Forest of Reading® Award Design Contest

The Forest of Reading® wants you to design the art of the 2015 awards that will be presented to the winning authors and illustrators at the annual Festival of Trees™ in May 2015. The Forest of Reading® program is a reader's choice program, and we would like our readers to create these awards. Winning artwork will also be featured on the Forest of Reading® website and social media.

What will the award look like?

Awards will consist of framed reproductions of the winning drawings/illustrations that capture the spirit of reading for fun and the Forest®. Each program will feature a different framed award specific to that program.

How to participate

Create your design on the template provided and submit the hard copy to the Forest of Reading®. Participants of the Forest® can begin by submitting their designs on February 1, 2015. Designs will be accepted until March 30, 2015. One design will be chosen for each award program (for a total of eight winners) by a jury in April.

Artists must submit their designs for the program that they read or participate in. Adults may only submit for the Evergreen™ and Golden Oak™ awards.

Design specifications

The designs should be two-dimensional and drawing/painting/design elements should be displayed clearly (strong lines, bold colours, etc.), as they will be scanned and re-printed for the actual award. The designs may be created on a computer, but a hard copy must be submitted for consideration.

Images can be abstract or figurative, but should convey the spirit of reading enjoyment, and can include imagery related to the "tree" the program is named after. Please do not include specific references to nominated titles, program names or seals.

All designs should be signed with the artist's name and their school or institution on the bottom right corner, and submitted, in hard copy, on the provided template. Designs can be drawn directly on the template, or can be attached to the template, but must fit inside the space provided.

Size: Design must fit inside an 8 in x 8 in (20 cm x 20 cm; 2,400 px x 2,400 px) box.

The winning artist will receive the following for his or her school/library:

- A complimentary book set for the 2016 Forest of Reading® program (valued at approx. \$270)
- Registration for the 2016 Forest of Reading® program

The reader who submits the winning design will receive:

- A signed copy of the winning book in the category s/he designed the award for
- Their original hard copy design returned

Submission Deadline: March 30, 2015. **Submissions must sent flat, not folded**, to the address below. With each submission, please include the school/library name, the artist is affiliated with, and a contact person who can be reached if a winner is selected. Original artwork will not be returned.

The winner grants permission for the Ontario Library Association to use the image for any purpose related to the Forest of Reading® program.

Send the artwork to:

Forest of Reading® Award Design Contest
c/o Ontario Library Association
2 Toronto Street, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M5C 2B6



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by the Ontario Library Association

Forest of Reading® Award Design Template

Student Name: _____ Address: _____
Age/Grade: _____
Program: _____ Contact Name: _____
School: _____ Contact Email: _____

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