

## CEMC Calendar Art contest rules for School Year 2025-2026

CEMC is calling on all talented students to submit their artwork for a chance to be featured in our 2027 wall calendar. In addition to being showcased in the calendar, which hangs in homes, schools, and businesses throughout our service areas, winners may also have their art published in *The Tennessee Magazine*. With a monthly readership of over 90,000, it's a great way for young artists to get well-deserved exposure.

### Please submit your artwork by the deadline using one of the following methods:

**Scheduled Pickup:** A CEMC representative will collect artwork directly from schools starting on **February 27, 2026**.

**Mail:** You may send your submission to the office address provided: **CEMC Attn: Susie Yonkers 1940 Madison Street Clarksville TN 37043**.

If you plan to mail your entry, please inform us so that we can confirm its delivery. The winners will be determined by March 31, 2026, allowing schools to include the announcement in their award ceremonies.

### How The Contest Works:

Students in kindergarten through 12th grade who live in CEMC's five-county service area (Cheatham, Montgomery, Robertson, Stewart, and Sumner) are invited to enter our art contest. The month you will be assigned to illustrate in your artwork corresponds to your grade during the 2025–2026 school year. The themes noted by each month are a few suggestions. **In 2027, Easter will be in March.**

**Original artwork must be submitted and not a photocopy. All artwork becomes the property of CEMC and will not be returned. Please do not ask for art to be returned to the student.**

GRADE	MONTH
6 <sup>th</sup> - January (i.e., New Year, snow, etc.)	
7 <sup>th</sup> - February (i.e., Valentine, Presidents' Day, etc.)	
8 <sup>th</sup> - March (St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Read Across America, etc.)	
9 <sup>th</sup> - April (Spring, Earth Day, etc.)	
10 <sup>th</sup> - May (Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Graduations, etc.)	
11 <sup>th</sup> - June (Father's Day, summer vacations, baseball, etc.)	

GRADE	MONTH
K - July (Independence Day, vacations, etc.)	
1 <sup>st</sup> - August (Back to school, etc.)	
2 <sup>nd</sup> - September (Autumn, Labor Day, Patriot Day, etc.)	
3 <sup>rd</sup> - October (Electric Coop Month, Columbus Day, Halloween, etc.)	
4 <sup>th</sup> - November (Veteran's Day, Election Day, Thanksgiving, etc.)	
5 <sup>th</sup> - December (Winter, Christmas Holidays, etc.)	

Seniors (12<sup>th</sup> grade) will design the Wall and Pocket Calendar Covers

While there is no formal theme, consider incorporating elements that represent CEMC's service area, such as rural scenes, line trucks, utility poles, wildlife, or barns.

### Judging Process and Criteria

Entries will be judged by a panel on artistic merit, creativity, and the quality of the depiction of the assigned month. Artwork, including landscapes, portraits, or still lifes, will be accepted as long as it represents the correct monthly theme. All artwork must be an original creation by the student and should not be copied or traced from another source. The use of digital graphics is not permitted.

## How to Submit Your Artwork

Please follow these guidelines carefully when preparing your submission:

- Size: Artwork **must** be no larger than 11 x 14 inches and no smaller than 8.5 x 11 inches.
- Paper: Use white, unlined paper only.
- Medium: Any relatively flat medium is acceptable. For charcoal or pastel drawings, you must spray them with a fixative to prevent smudging and damage to other entries. Avoid using glitter, sand, glass, liquids, or similar materials that can flake or break. Digital artwork will not be accepted.
- Orientation: All artwork **must** be in a **horizontal (landscape) position**. Vertical (portrait) images do not fit the calendar layout.
- Content: Your artwork should not include the name of the month, days of the week, year, or specific calendar dates.
- Originality: Submit the original artwork, not a color photocopy. We need the original to ensure a high-quality calendar for our members. No exceptions.
- Presentation: Do not mount, mat, frame, fold, or crease your artwork.

## Required Information (Very Important)

On the back of each entry, in the lower right-hand corner, please include the following:

School or Homeschool Entries:

- School Name or "Homeschooled"
- Teacher's Name and Grade
- Student's Full Name
- Student's Full Address
- Parent's Full Name(s)

Note: Incomplete or missing information may delay or prevent winners from receiving their prizes.

Please make sure that the student's writing is legible. The winners' name, school and grade will display on the student's artwork in the calendar. CEMC will notify the winners through their school. Winning students' artwork, name, school name and grade may appear in an issue of The Tennessee Magazine.

For judging purposes, please identify and sort the artwork entries by grades.

PRIZES      1st place winners will receive certificates and cash prizes as follows:

K - 5th grades	\$25.00
6th - 8th grades	\$50.00
9th - 12th grades	\$75.00
Overall Winner	\$100.00

Artists receiving Honorable Mention will also receive certificates and a cash prize of \$10.00.

Thank you for working with CEMC, your electric distributor, in making this a successful project. We look forward to distributing our calendars featuring young artists in our service areas and in your schools. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

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