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Students urged to enter Nebraska Spirit Art Contest

LINCOLN – Nebraska elementary students are encouraged to show their creativity by entering the 2009 Nebraska Spirit Art Contest.

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and Nebraska.gov, the state's Web portal, are sponsoring the contest for students in kindergarten through fifth grade to showcase their knowledge of Nebraska and its history.

The winners from each grade will have their work featured on a downloadable computer screen saver for one year.

"The Nebraska Spirit Art Contest provides a great opportunity to tap the creativity of young students in promoting our state," Gale said.

Students can start submitting entries starting March 2. To be eligible, entries must be postmarked by May 1.

Contest details are available at www.nebraska.gov/contest/index.shtml.

Five finalists in each grade will have their artwork posted on Nebraska.gov, and the public will have an opportunity to vote and select the winners.

The winners will be invited to a day of activities in Lincoln on June 5, including a ceremony with Gale and Gov. Dave Heineman, a tour of the State Capitol, a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion and an outing at the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

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