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**Online voting set for Nebraska Spirit Art Contest**

LINCOLN – The public is invited to vote online from May 12-21 to determine the winners in the 2010 Nebraska Spirit Art Contest.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade were invited to submit their artwork showing their state spirit. The contest, which is designed to promote Nebraska, is sponsored by Secretary of State John Gale and [Nebraska.gov](http://Nebraska.gov), the state's Web site.

The online voting involving five finalists from each grade is available at [www.nebraska.gov/contest](http://www.nebraska.gov/contest).

One winner from each grade will have their work featured on a free downloadable screen saver. The winners and their families also will be invited to participate in a day of activities in Lincoln.

The finalists' artwork will be displayed on the first floor of the State Capitol from May 17-21.

"The contest provides a great combination," Gale said. "It encourages students to enjoy art, it promotes state pride, and it promotes the concept of voting."

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