



2026 Cherry Blossom Festival

Anime Contest Official Rules & Procedures

Event Date: May 17, 2026 | Contest Time: 12:00 PM (Noon) - 3:00 PM
Location: Skybridge on the 2nd floor between Walb Student Union and Helmke Library at PFW

1. Contest Categories

- **Age/Grade Divisions:** K-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade, 6th-8th Grade, 9th-12th Grade, and Adult.
- **Art Type:** Fan Art or Original Art.

2. Rules and Materials

- **Official Paper:** All participants are required to use the official contest paper provided at the event. We stamp the paper to verify that the artwork was created on-site.
- **Prohibited Items:** To discourage tracing or submitting art created in advance, lightboxes are strictly prohibited.
- **Art Supplies:** We will provide basic pencils, colored pencils, and markers. Participants are also allowed and encouraged to bring their own personal art supplies if desired.
- **Seating:** Seating is available, but participants may also use the floor if seating becomes saturated; clipboards may be available to assist.

3. Submission Process

- When participants finish their artwork, they must fill out a contact slip indicating their specific competition category, as well as their name, email, and phone number.
- Event organizers will staple this slip directly to the artwork to ensure proper identification during judging.

4. Judging & Prizes

- **Deliberation:** After the 3:00 PM conclusion of the contest, judges with knowledge of manga and/or anime will deliberate for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour.
- **Winners:** We will select 3 pieces of art from each category, resulting in a total of 30 winners. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive prizes.
- **Grand Prizes:** The festival t-shirt and poster winners will be selected exclusively from the Original Art category winners. If selected, these winners will be asked to sign a copyright form to allow their designs to be used.

5. Post-Contest Artwork Return

- Following the event, the Cherry Blossom Festival committee will arrange the return of the artwork to the participants.