

OK What's Great!™

It is your turn to tell the story about the county where you live. Compose an original essay/video about the famous or not so famous people, events, and history of your county. Then create a unique design to fit on GUSTY®, one of Oklahoma's favorite state symbols. Compete for prizes and an opportunity to put your design on one of 77 figurines.

Contest information: Deadline for submission: March 1, 2015

Eligibility: Oklahoma residents, 1st – 12th grade students

Contest entry fee: \$25

Age groups:

- Elementary: 1-5th grade (6-10 years)
- Middle school: 6-8th grade (11-14 years)
- High school: 9-12th grade (15-18 years)

Rules/Instructions:

1. Choose to write an essay or make a video entitled *OK What's Great!™*

Essay

- a) Essay must be your original work
- b) Essay is 1 - 2 pages in length (≤ 1000 words)
- c) Include a bibliography page
- d) Include a copy of your source information.
- e) Legibly print or type essay on standard paper, (8½" x 11"), black ink, 12-point font.

Video

- a) Video must be original work
- b) Video is 3 - 5 minutes in length
- c) Identify location and its significance
- d) Credits should include bibliography information
- e) Send a transcript of video dialogue and a copy of the source information.

2. Draw, color, and design artwork to fit on a GUSTY® figurine. Using the GUSTY® art sheet, identify and/or match your artwork design with your essay/video to give a visual picture of your words.
3. Complete the Official entry form with signed parent/guardian permission
4. Submit official entry form, \$25 entry fee, essay/video (with a-e information), and GUSTY® art sheet to:

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The 3 ARS Institute

PO Box 471083

Tulsa, OK 74147-1083

Special notes:

- Please keep a copy of your work for your records. Entries become the property of the organizers.
- Contest judges' decisions are final.
- Entries must be the original work from the submitting youth.
- Youths must be residents in Oklahoma and verifiably enrolled in an Oklahoma public, private, or home school.
- Entries are grouped according to age appropriate grade levels and their county of residence.

Suggestions:

- Talk to senior citizens, parents, teachers, historians
- Check with your county's Historical Society, library, and Chamber of Commerce for information.
- We want to know what made your county great; who made your county great; and/or why is it great.
- How did your county succeed though all of the challenges since statehood?
- Have fun; be creative!

Artwork Design:

- Create a design to fit a GUSTY® figurine. Use the GUSTY® art sheet provided.
- Your design must contain elements from your essay/video.

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For my Oklahoma County, _____, this is the way I would decorate/paint the GUSTY® figurine to show OK, *What's Great!* (Identify/relate your essay/video to your artwork design. Use more paper as needed).

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This area for official use only

Official Entry Form/Entry Fee: \$25.00

Use this entry form as the cover sheet for your submission.

Submission deadline: March 1, 2015

Name: _____
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last)

Grade: _____ Age: _____ Male or Female Birthdate: _____
(Circle one)

Address: _____
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

County: _____ . Essay/video used for _____
(County name) (Teacher/Class)

School: _____ Public or Private or Home or Charter/Other
(School Name) (Circle school category)

School Address: _____
(School Address) (School Phone)

My essay and artwork are original and without plagiarism. _____
(Contestant Signature)

Circle T-Shirt size: Youth Small Youth Medium Youth Large Small Medium Large XLarge 2XLarge

I am interested in:

- ☐ airplanes/aerospace
- ☐ hiking/climbing
- ☐ boating/water sports
- ☐ movies/theater
- ☐ biking/skate boarding
- ☐ museums/gardens

My favorite subject is:

- ☐ English
- ☐ History
- ☐ Math
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Art/Music
- ☐ _____

In my free time, I like to _____.

Phone contact: _____ email contact: _____

I, _____, the parent/guardian authorize, grant permission, and approval for my above mentioned son/daughter, _____, to participate in the contest, *OK What's Great!™*

I give my permission for him/her to be the recipient of and participator in prize/award activities, promotions, and special events of the organizers, The 3 ARS Institute. I understand the submitted essay/video, proposed artwork, and his/her likeness may be used for future applications and without further compensations by the organizers and their sponsors specifically but not limited to promotions, publications, online website/social media sites, and special events in association with the *OK What's Great!™* project.

(Print Parent/Guardian Name)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)