



Young Authors Artwork Design Guidelines 2021-2022

“Building and Designing the Future”

As part of the NCRA Young Authors Project students may submit an original design for the cover of the winning entries publication. This artwork should encompass the overall theme of the project, suitable for the cover of the book. All young artists who would like to submit a cover or design must follow the NCRA Young Author Artwork Design Guidelines and complete the Entry Form provided to be eligible for state judging.

Guidelines for YA Artwork

1. Must be drawn by hand or with computer tools -- no photographs, stock photos, or commercial graphics. Appropriate content only!
2. **Must be on blank, white 8½ by 11 inch piece of paper.**
3. Should clearly address the *overall theme*, not necessarily only the theme of the individual's writing if submitting a written entry.
4. **Must be original work -- no coping or tracing.**
5. Color, or black and white, may be used.
6. **Originality and creativity and theme are key components for judging.**
7. Any lettering and/or words should be neatly and clearly drawn/written.
8. **Use correct spelling if you have words in your drawing.**
9. Leave a 1-inch blank border on all sides of the paper.
10. **Should not have the artist's name on design -- the artist will be recognized on the inside of the book.**
11. Must be sponsored by an NCRA/MCRA member.
12. **The entry form must accompany the original artwork.**
13. Send your original to MCRA and keep a *copy* of the original at the local level.

*** Any submission without a completed entry form will be **disqualified** from judging.

Please paperclip the Entry Form on top of each submission. No staples or tape please!