



Osher Map Library

Smith Center for Cartographic Education

Mapmaking Contest!

Inviting all **Maine 4th, 5th, & 6th graders** to enter our Illustrated Mapmaking Contest for the chance to win \$1,000 (\$500 for you, \$500 for your class - homeschooled students welcomed)!

How To Enter:

1. Create an original, illustrated map (a map with pictures).
2. Submit your map and completed Entry Release Form to the Osher Map Library postmarked by April 29, 2025
3. If you're one of 12 finalists selected invite your friends and family to vote for your map online!

Important Dates:

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 – mailed submissions must be postmarked by this date. Digital submissions must be sent by **May 1, 2025**

Thursday, May 15, 2025 – 12 finalists announced; online vote begins at 4

Thursday, May 22, 2025 – Voting ends. Winners revealed next day.

Important Things to Know:

- Your map must be flat (2 dimensional) and **no larger than 11 x 17 inches** (most construction paper is 12x18, too big to scan)
- The work should be unique, creative, and unassisted
- If you submit a map by mail, please make a photocopy if you would like to keep one as the maps will not be mailed back. You may also submit a high-quality photocopy and keep the original.
- If you submit a scan via Form, the scan must be high quality and cropped appropriately.
- Your completed Entry Release Form should be attached to the back side of the map.

More questions? Contact Renee Keul at renee.keul@maine.edu

Mail submissions to: Osher Map Library & Smith Center for Cartographic Education (Attn: Mapmaking Contest)

P.O. Box 9301; Portland, ME 04104

ENTRY RELEASE FORM

First Name of the Contestant: _____

Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____, Maine, Zip Code _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Title of your Illustrated Map Entry: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

By signing this release you give Osher Map Library perpetual royalty free license to reproduce the works in order to promote the Osher Map Library with marketing materials such as, but not limited to, brochures, public information materials and exhibits. You also agree that all the works sent to the contest will NOT BE RETURNED to the artist.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Here's how the contest works:

- 1. Preliminary Judging.** An independent panel of judges (educators, cartographers, artists) will review all eligible entries received and select up to 12 finalists.
- 2. Notification of finalists.** By May 15, 2025, the selected finalists will be notified.
- 3. Selection of Winning Illustrated Maps.** The finalists will be featured on Osher Map Library's Map Contest webpage, from May 15, 2025 - May 22, 2025. Through the judging panel and online community voting, winning illustrated maps will be selected. Limit one (1) vote per valid email address during the online voting period. Voting begins at 4:00 PM ET on May 15, 2025, and ends at 4:00 PM ET on May 22, 2025. The creators of the winning maps will be notified by May 22, 2025.
- 4. Cash prizes to be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place, as well as "Best in Grade" prizes**

THE FINE PRINT • Entries that do not comply with the contest rules and submission requirements will be disqualified; Non-winning entrants will not be individually notified of the results; Only one Osher Map Library Map Drawing Contest entry per student per year will be accepted; It is the student's responsibility to inform the Osher Map Library of any change of address; The decisions of the Osher Map Library and the Judges are final. The Osher Map Library: • has the right to use the name and school of any Osher Map Library Map Drawing Contest contestant, without compensation, to administer and promote the Contest • retains ownership of all entries and may copy, modify, distribute and publicly display them • reserves the right to destroy entries after one year; will not insure entries it receives or be responsible for loss of or damage to the entries