

Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest Winners Named

Artistic talents of Hoosier youth to be featured in 2025 calendar

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Indiana's electric cooperatives and their statewide magazine, Indiana Connection, named the winners of the 27th annual Cooperative Calendar of Student Art Contest.

Cassidy Skinner, a high school junior from South Whitley, was named artist of the year for her lifelike scratchboard art of a dog. Skinner also won both first place and honorable mention for the 11th-grade category.

A first-place artist was also selected for each grade, K-12. Each will receive \$200. Their artwork will illustrate the cover and the 12 months of a 2025 calendar. Thirteen additional artists earned an honorable mention award and \$75. These works will appear in a special section of the calendar. A complete list of the contest winners is below.

"We are proud to recognize and showcase the artistic talents of our youth," said John Cassady, CEO of Indiana Electric Cooperatives.

Artwork was judged on artistic merit, originality, creativity and its suitability for a wall calendar. The art contest is open to any Indiana K-12 student.

The 2025 wall calendar will be available at the offices of participating Indiana electric cooperatives this fall.

2025 grade division winners

- Kindergarten: Kora Gehlhausen, Birdseye, Indiana
- First Grade: Rowyn Mellencamp, Seymour, Indiana
- Second Grade: Eva Harrison, Greensburg, Indiana
- Third Grade: Caroline Buck, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Fourth Grade: Adelyn Luckey, Columbia City, Indiana
- Fifth Grade: Flynn Cissell, Borden, Indiana
- Sixth Grade: Lena Goller, Shoals, Indiana
- Seventh Grade: Zoe Bulp, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Eighth Grade: Cooper Baird, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Ninth Grade: Isabelle Ferguson, Worthington, Indiana
- 10th Grade: Alena Hindbaugh, South Whitley, Indiana
- 11th Grade, Cassidy Skinner, South Whitley, Indiana (Best in Show)
- 12th Grade: Justine Ocken, South Whitley, Indiana



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Honorable mention winners

- Kindergarten: Evelyn McIlrath, Flora, Indiana
- First Grade: Remy Yeager, Elizabeth, Indiana
- Second Grade: Mason Malicki, Columbia City, Indiana
- Third Grade: Easton Cole, Birdseye, Indiana
- Fourth Grade: Eden Grace Fawver, Knightstown, Indiana
- Fifth Grade: Lily Fouts, Seymour, Indiana
- Sixth Grade: Ella Stein, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Seventh Grade: Braydon Snider, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Eighth Grade: Elliana Heintz, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Ninth Grade: Miley Baugh, Georgetown, Indiana
- 10th Grade: Adyn Bajer, Walkerton, Indiana
- 11th Grade: Cassidy Skinner, South Whitley, Indiana
- 12th Grade: Katelyn Cripe, South Whitley, Indiana

Note: High-resolution images of winning artwork are available upon request.

Indiana Electric Cooperatives, located in Indianapolis, represents 38 electric distribution cooperatives that serve 1.3 million Hoosiers in 89 of the state's 92 counties. The cooperatives are collectively the second largest electricity provider in Indiana. For more information about the association, visit IndianaEC.org.



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