

OGEMAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE OFFICIAL RULES OF THE
OGEMAW COUNTY MURAL COMPETITION**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-15
ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

WHEREAS, Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners has approved having a Mural Competition celebrating the semiquincentennial (250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached official rules of the Ogemaw County Mural Competition.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Surbrook, to approve the foregoing resolution.

Ayes: David, Scott, Surbrook, Mayhew, Wiltse
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Ogemaw County 2026 Mural Competition

celebrating the semiquincentennial (250th) anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with the theme “Then and Now, the Power of Place”

Official Rules:

1. Participation in this competition constitutes full and unconditional agreement and acceptance of these Official Rules and the decisions of Ogemaw County, which are final and binding. Winning the competition is contingent upon being compliant with these Official Rules and fulfilling all other requirements set forth herein.
2. Competition opens on February 14th, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.
3. Eligibility: All participants must be currently enrolled, degree-seeking students at the time of submission to participate. Non-student submissions will not be considered. Participants may submit as a group if all group members are currently enrolled, degree seeking students. A maximum of five members per team is allowed.
4. AI-generated and AI-aided submissions are not permitted. This includes AI-generated images, concepts, or design elements. Any mural submission containing AI-generated content will be disqualified. This contest is intended to share students’ original and natural talents with the citizens of Ogemaw County.
5. All mural submissions must be original and free from the use of copyrighted or creative commons (public domain) materials.

6. The Mural will be displayed on the wall on the northeast stairwell in the Ogemaw County Building located at 806 W. Houghton Ave. West Branch, MI. Students are encouraged to view the space during the office hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday to see the wall space for better reference.
7. The mural must be adequately scaled to the wall's dimensions of 7ft. 10in H x 5ft. 4in W.
8. The mural should effectively capture the theme "Then & Now, the Power of Place", literally or metaphorically, as it relates to Ogemaw County's values and history.
9. All mural designs must be submitted by the deadline of May 1st, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.
10. Where/How to enter: Students may enter on-site by dropping off their entry at the Ogemaw County Building, 806 W. Houghton Ave. Rm 109, West Branch, MI 48661 or by US mail. If mailing in your entry it must be postmarked by May 1st, 2026 and submitted in an envelope with proper postage affixed to 806 W. Houghton Ave. Rm. 109, West Branch, Michigan 48661. Entries must include a titled rendering of the student's mural on 8.5" x 11" piece of paper. The students' full name, complete address, phone number (including area code), email address (optional) and the school you're currently enrolled in must be clearly written on the back of the submitted rendering. For admissions containing the artistic work of more than 1 student, all participants information must be included on the back of the rendering. In addition, a description in the student's own words of what he/she/they would like us to know about the design and its meaning that is 150 words or

less will also be accepted for consideration. A signed copy of these Official Rules must also be submitted with the entry.

11. The winner will be selected on May 8th at 4:30 p.m. by ballot of Ogemaw County employees. The winner will be notified by email, mail, or phone.
12. Employees of Ogemaw County as well as their immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings, and children) are not eligible to participate in the competition.
13. The student selected for the winning design will receive \$250 dollars. If a group submission wins, then the allotted prize will be evenly distributed among participants.
14. Ogemaw County will be responsible for the cost of supplies to paint the rendering, full scale, on the wall. Winner will be responsible for completing their mural for unveiling by July 31st, 2026.

Release:

By entering this contest, the student agrees to grant Ogemaw County permission to use any and all creative works submitted including, writing, text, graphics, illustrations, or any other content or images contained therein (collectively “Work”). It is understood Ogemaw County will retain all copyrights and other intellectual property rights to the Work. In connection herewith, the student releases Ogemaw County and its assignees from any and all claims and demands related to the use of the Work, including any claims for libel or invasion of privacy. Ogemaw County and those acting pursuant to its authority shall have the right to use the student’s Work, name and biographical material in connection with this Work, including all rights to reproduce, perform, display and distribute the

Work, or edits thereof in whole or in part, in any medium whether now know or yet to be discovered. Moreover, Ogemaw County shall not be obligated to make any use of my Work or exercise any of the rights granted therein.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the meaning of the Official Rules and this release and that this release agreement is the entire agreement between me and Ogemaw County. Furthermore, I represent that I have the full right to enter into this agreement granting the rights herein and that this grant does not violate any rights of any third party.

Date

Student Participant

If student participant is under the age of 18, parental/guardian consent is required.

I consent to _____, participating in this competition and further agree to all the terms and conditions as outlined above.

Date

Parent/Guardian