



Design a Bag!
Reusable Bag Art Contest
Release Form

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Catawba County Government is partnering with Lowe's Foods, Keep Catawba County Beautiful and our local schools to encourage reusable bag use and to teach our students about protecting our environment. As part of these efforts, the County is having an art contest, in which students will compete to have their artwork printed on reusable grocery bags.

The students' first names, grade levels, and schools will be printed on the bag so they can be recognized as the artists. The winning students and their classmates will receive a free reusable bag, and the bags will be sold in local Lowe's Foods grocery stores.

To allow your child to participate in the contest, please fill out the release form below. Thank you for your help in encouraging reuse in Catawba County!

Sincerely,

Catawba County Government
Lowe's Foods
Keep Catawba County Beautiful

RELEASE AND UNDERSTANDING

School/Organization: _____

Student's Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian's Name: _____

I, the legal parent/ guardian of the student named above, grant consent for use and reprinting of my child's art entry without compensation and release Catawba County, its legal agents, elected officials, representatives and employees, Lowe's Foods, and Keep Catawba County Beautiful from all liability for any claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, whatsoever, to my child's person or property, arising out of, or connected with, his/her participation in this contest. Furthermore, I understand that the winning entries will be printed on a reusable bag to be sold at Lowe's Foods with the artist's first name, grade level, and school printed on the bag. I understand that winning entries will not be returned to the owner.

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/ Guardian Printed Name



Design a Bag! Reusable Bag Art Contest Submission Form & Guidelines

SUBMISSION FORM

School/Organization: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

**Contact Name/Person
Submitting the Form:** _____

Student's Name: _____

Grade Level: _____

ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is the original work of my students and that it is not copied from a published photograph, magazine, book illustration, or computer manipulations from published work or otherwise in violation of any copyright law.

Teacher Signature

Date

Teacher Printed Name

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- Elementary school students throughout Catawba County (including elementary homeschooled students who are residents of the county) are eligible to participate
- Each student may submit only one entry
- Four winners (across all three school systems and other entries) will be selected by a panel of judges to have their artwork, along with that of the other winners, printed on reusable bags, which will be distributed through promotional events and sold at local Lowe's Foods stores.
- Winners and each of their classmates will receive a reusable bag with the winning artwork
- Winners will be recognized at an Earth Day event in April and will be contacted prior to the event

ARTWORK GUIDELINES

- Content must be family friendly
- Content should be related to reuse, conservation, animals, preservation of land, or other aspects that relate to the environment
- Artwork may not be three-dimensional. Pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, watercolor paint, or pastels may be used to create the art.
- Artwork must be completed on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper or larger
- Artwork may be multicolored and may be landscape or portrait orientation

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS AND DEADLINE

Please mail entries with the submission and release forms attached (postmarked by **Wednesday, October 15**) to:

Catawba County Government Center
ATTN: Reusable Bag Art Competition
100A Southwest Boulevard
PO Box 389
Newton, NC 2865

OR email the completed submission and release forms and an image of the artwork scanned at 300 dpi (not taken by camera) to mdale@catawbacountync.gov by **Wednesday, October 15**.

Questions? Call 828-465-8203 or email mdale@catawbacountync.gov