Fifth Annual MSU Student Association
2012 Homecoming Poster Contest
"Hail Dear 'Ole State!"

The MSU Student Association is proud to sponsor the fifth annual poster contest for the university's Homecoming festivities. Homecoming is scheduled for October 20, 2012, and will carry the theme "Hail Dear 'Ole State!" This poster competition is designed for MSU students to showcase their talent and make this piece of art memorable and collectible to students, employees, alumni and friends.

The poster contest begins May 14, 2012, and runs through August 20, 2012. Winners will be selected from all submitted artwork that can meet the poster requirements found on this form. Mississippi State reserves the right to reproduce and distribute the winning poster as part of homecoming activities on such items as invitations, banners and t-shirts.

All entries will be reviewed by a committee and the winner will be notified by August 27, 2012. The winner will receive a $500 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble. In addition, the winning entry will be recognized and the original art will be unveiled to the MSU community. Other recognition will follow through a press release distributed by the Office of University Relations.

To be considered collectible artwork, only a limited number of copies will be printed, signed, numbered and sold. Each year, the winning entry will hang on campus in the Student Affairs Gallery.

Art Guidelines

1. Must be an original, vertical or horizontal design 18" wide by 24" tall.
2. Must be hand drawn or painted in ink, watercolor, colored pencil, acrylic, oil or mixed media.
3. Must relate to "Hail Dear 'Ole State!" the 2012 homecoming theme.
4. Previously published artwork, any that is pending publication or any that has won previous awards is ineligible.

Entry Guidelines

1. Entry form must be filled out completely and hand delivered, along with entry, to the Office of University Relations, 102 George Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., or sent via campus Mail Services to Mail Stop 9512.
2. All entries are due no later than 4:45 p.m. on August 20, 2012.
3. Only one entry per artist.

Eligibility

1. The winning artwork becomes the property of Mississippi State University and will be used as the official artwork for 2012 Homecoming festivities.
2. The winner agrees to read the release statement on the bottom of the entry form and by signing the form forfeits all rights to the usage of the art.
3. The winner agrees not to sign the original art piece for printing purposes, but does agree to sign and number a select number of prints.
4. The winner also agrees to have his/her photo with the winning piece published through MSU University Relations.

Judging

1. Each piece will be judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.
2. The decision by the judges on the winning entry is final.
3. The winner will be announced Aug. 27, 2012.

Questions?

Contact Harriet Laird in University Relations at hlaird@ur.msstate.edu or 662-325-1017.

Application Form
2012 Homecoming Poster Contest

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ ZIP_____

Phone (please list two) (1)_____(2)_____

Email_____

Release Statement

I hereby declare this artwork original and executed solely by the undersigned. I understand that all artwork becomes the property of Mississippi State University and cannot be returned. I permit the artwork to be shown and reproduced as needed by the university for Homecoming. Permission is also granted by me for my photo to be taken with the artwork for publicity through the MSU Office of University Relations. Moreover, I will not sign the original art piece due to printing and publishing requirements, but will sign and number the 500 prints.

Signature_____

Date_____