



TEEN TAKEOVER

North Dakota Heritage Center & State Museum

"What will North Dakota look like 250 years in the future?"

We invite North Dakota teens to submit an original artistic creation interpreting this theme. Finalists' work will be displayed in spring 2026 at the State Museum in Bismarck.

statemuseum.nd.gov/teen-takeover



**A grand champion will be awarded \$150.
There is no entry fee.**

DEADLINE

Submissions are due
by 11:59 p.m. MT on
Dec. 5, 2025.



STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF NORTH DAKOTA

HISTORY FOR *everyone.*

RULES

- Participants must be North Dakota residents, ages 13-18 as of Dec. 5, 2025.
- One submission per participant.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Start imagining! Your entry can be any 2D creative expression (e.g., painting, drawing, collage, photo, comic strip, poem). We welcome handwritten or typed submissions for entries containing text.
- The entry must reflect the prompt “What will North Dakota look like 250 years in the future?”
- The entry must be an original creation and not contain any copyrighted materials.
- Entry dimensions may be no larger than 3 feet by 2 feet for an artwork and weigh no more than 5 pounds.
- Typed submissions for entries containing text should be in Calibri, 18-point font. This text should be 1,500 words or less and not exceed two pages.
- Along with your entry, you will need to include a typed essay (100-300 words) explaining your project and how it fulfills the prompt “What will North Dakota look like 250 years in the future?” This essay is separate from the dimensions of your creative expression piece.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Submit participant and entry details through our website, statemuseum.nd.gov/teen-takeover. All entries meeting requirements will be considered for the contest.
- Each submission must include the following:
 - Participant name
 - Age
 - Participant hometown
 - Entry title
 - Entry medium (e.g., paper, ink, marker, paint)
 - Short essay (100-300 words)
 - Parent/guardian’s contact information including name, email, phone number, and mailing address is required for participants under 18.
 - After submitting, you will receive a follow-up email requesting a high-resolution JPEG, PNG, or PDF of the entry.

PROCESS

To be considered eligible for the contest, a participant must submit a digital file of their work by Dec. 5, 2025. All submissions will go through an initial evaluation and judging. Finalists will be notified by the first week of January 2026. Finalists may be required to fill out additional loan and submission paperwork and physically send their final work to the ND Heritage Center & State Museum. Finalists are responsible for ensuring their artworks are framed or equipped with a hanging wire. All finalists’ projects will be exhibited in the State Museum throughout the spring. A panel of judges will review all finalists’ projects and select a grand champion. After this exhibit closes, original pieces will be available for return to the participant.

EVALUATION

An entry will be judged on the 2D creative expression and the short essay. Both will be evaluated for creativity, clarity, and insight into the theme.

RECOGNITION

- Finalists will have their projects exhibited in the ND Heritage Center & State Museum through spring 2026.
- The grand champion will receive \$150 in prize money from the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation.

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