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SECRETARY MONAE JOHNSON REMINDS STUDENTS TO SUBMIT ENTRIES FOR "CIVICS IN THE 605: STATEWIDE STICKER SHOWCASE"

PIERRE, S.D. — Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson is reminding South Dakota students that submissions for the *Civics in the 605: Statewide Sticker Showcase* are due **February 1, 2026**. The statewide student art contest invites young artists from across South Dakota to design original voting stickers that celebrate civic engagement and South Dakota pride. Winning designs will be featured during the **2026 General Election**.

To recognize student artists and promote civic education, the Secretary of State's Office will host an Inaugural Award Ceremony on Wednesday, February 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda. Finalist artwork will be displayed, and winners will be honored during the Legislative Session. Students and their families will also have the opportunity to tour the Capitol following the event.

"Civics in the 605 is a creative way to help students connect with their state government and take pride participating in the 2026 General Election," said Secretary Johnson. "We're excited to see the talent and imagination South Dakota students bring to next year's Statewide Sticker Showcase."

Submissions are accepted in four grade-level categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges.

The competition opened on November 1, 2025, and will close on February 1, 2026.

How to Enter:

Full contest details, design guidelines, and submission information are available at: https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/sos-awards.aspx