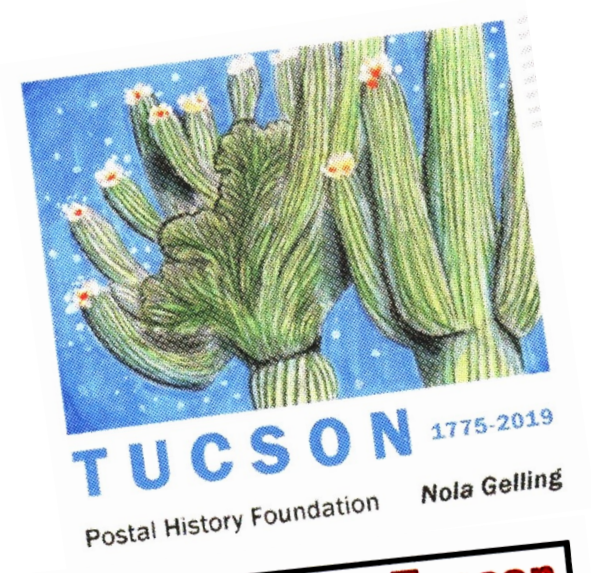

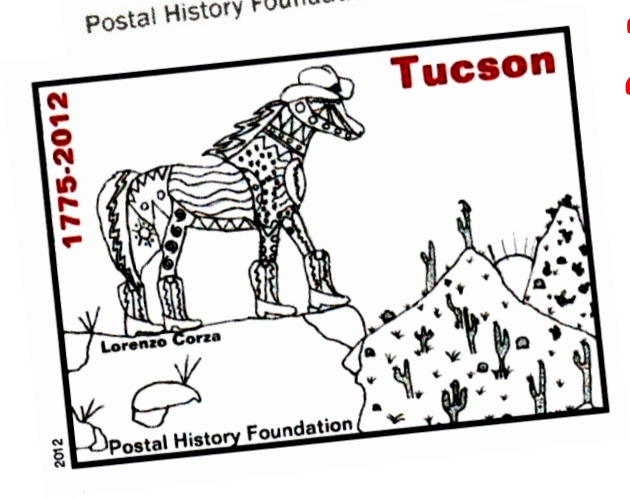

Kids!

Create a Design for Tucson's 250th Birthday Postcard

Three age groups! All finalists receive prizes.

Download entry forms or scan the code below:

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Mail or drop off entries to:

Postal History Foundation

920 N. First Ave.

Tucson, AZ 85719

520-623-6652 x 102

Attn: Contest—Education

Deadline is Friday,

July 18, 2025 at 2:30pm

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April 4s, 2025

Dear Teachers, Parents, and Educators,

We are thrilled to announce the return of our Tucson Birthday Contest in celebration of Tucson's 250th anniversary!

This year, we invite students to create an original picture about Tucson, continuing the tradition of our past contests. However, this time, the grand prize-winning design will be featured on a postcard, and additional winning designs will be used for cachets on envelopes.

For 12 years, we hosted a custom postage contest honoring Tucson, but in 2020 the United States Postal Service discontinued the sale of custom postage stamps, forcing us to cancel the contest. Soon after, the pandemic put further events on hold. Now, we are excited to revive the contest in a new form as part of Tucson's 250th Anniversary celebration.

Please review the attached contest information and rules. Entries will be divided into three age groups, and all finalists and their families will be invited to an awards ceremony on Wednesday, August 20, at the Postal History Foundation.

Submission Deadline:
Friday, July 18, 2025, by 2:30 PM
Submit entries by mail (in a flat envelope) or drop them off in person at our front desk
Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–2:30 PM. Except for Federal holidays.

Mailing Address:
Postal History Foundation
920 N. 1st Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85719

We encourage you to share this information with fellow teachers, art instructors, librarians, and parents. Feel free to make copies of this announcement and spread the word! Let's celebrate Tucson's 250th anniversary with creativity and community spirit!

Lisa Dembowski

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Tucson Birthday Contest 2025 Rules

1.) Tucson and surrounding area students may download the **entry form** from our website. The form must be filled out and signed by student and parents. It must be submitted on a separate piece of paper with the art work.

2.) The art work must be on a plain, **white 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheet of paper.** In other words "letter" size white copy or drawing paper. All designs submitted must reflect some aspect of **Tucson's** history, environment, culture, and/or citizenry.

3.) **Do not write words, numbers, or your name on the design. If your design wins, we will add your name, etc. Do not write names of specific places in and around Tucson on your art work.**

4.) Write your name and age lightly on the back edge of the paper. DO NOT FOLD THE PAPER.

5.) Draw your picture horizontal or vertical.

6.) No artwork may be submitted that is already owned and copyrighted by another individual or company. Artwork must be done by the entrant on the paper submitted. It must be flat, not 3D. It must fill the letter size paper. Photographs and computer generated pictures are not allowed.

7.) All entries become the property of the Postal History Foundation. Winners must consent to the PHF using their names and artwork in it's publicity, website and exhibits. Entrants and their families will not receive compensation for the use of designs submitted, or photographs of the artist. By submitting an entry to this contest, the entrant is agreeing to transfer any copyrights of his/her artwork to the PHF for exclusive use for marketing, education, and publicity materials.

8.) Designs and entry forms must be received by 2:30 p.m. at the Postal History Foundation on **Friday, July 18, 2025.** One entry per person.

Please mail or drop off to: Address: 920 N. First Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719
Phone # - 520-623-6652 x 102 Hours: M—F 8:30 am –2:30pm Closed federal holidays.

9.) All entries will be judged according to age category. 1st—3rd place winners will be given ribbons and an assortment of prizes. Winners agree to accept prizes "as is". Any prizes unclaimed or deemed undeliverable may be forfeited or awarded to an alternate winner.

10.) The "Tucson Birthday Party" awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, from 10-11:30 a.m. The unveiling of the winning designs will happen at that time. All students who attend public or private schools will receive letters excusing their absence from school.

11.)The winning designs will be displayed and exhibited at the PHF for a year. A year later the winning designs will be mailed back to the student.

12.) Prize winners will be notified by letter and phone call during the first or second week of August.

13.) **Winners are expected to attend the birthday event on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 to claim their prizes.** The party is designed to give full attention to the young artists**. Siblings** may also attend with parents.

14.)The Postal History Foundation reserves the right to change the rules or cancel the contest at any time at its sole discretion.

15.) **Limitation of Liability** – Participants hold harmless the Postal History Foundation and its representatives, officers, directors, and employees from any injuries, losses, damages, claims, actions or any liability of any kind resulting from participation in this contest.

2025 Tucson Birthday Postcard Contest Entry Form

Tucson and surrounding area students only please. One entry per person.
****PLEASE PRINT****

First Name: _____ Last Name:_____

Address(Street):_____

City: _____State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade:_____ School: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Age Group: Check the age group you belong to as of July 18, 2025

Youth 5—8 ⬭ Youth 9—12 ⬭ Youth 13—17 ⬭

Deadline for entries: 2:30 p.m. on Friday, July 18, 2025

By signing this form I acknowledge that I have read and accept the contest rules. All entries become the property of the Postal History Foundation. We consent to the PHF using names, photos of contestants, and artwork in its publicity, website and exhibits. Entrants and their families will not receive compensation for the use of designs submitted, or photographs of the artist. By submitting an entry to this contest, the entrant is agreeing to transfer any rights of his/her artwork to the PHF. The PHF may use the artwork (entry) for marketing, education, and publicity materials. We also agree to the **Limitation of Liability** – Participants hold harmless the Postal History Foundation and its representatives, officers, directors, and employees from any injuries, losses, damages, claims, actions or any liability of any kind resulting from participation in this contest. Winners of the three age groups will be given their prizes on August 20, 2025 at the Postal History Foundation during the awards ceremony.

Signatures: Student: _____

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name:(Print) _____

Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student/Parent/guardian signatures are required for entry.

Mail flat or deliver the entry form and design to:
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Tucson, AZ 85719

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m.— 2:30 p.m.
(except Federal holidays)

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