

# Rules & Criteria

1. **Age Requirement:** Participants must be 16 years of age or older.
2. **Residency:** Participants must be residents of the United States.
3. **Submission Guidelines:**
  - **Initial Submission:** Applicants must submit two or three works from their current portfolio in still medium. These works do not need to be tailored to the theme of the competition at this stage.
  - **Theme:** The competition centers around creating a poster for the 2024 Pendleton Round-Up. The specific vision for the poster is not required in the initial application but will be needed if selected for the next round.
  - **Digital Works:** While the final poster must be in a non-digital medium, applicants are allowed to include a maximum of one digital work in their initial application.
  - **Western Art Encouragement:** Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to include any existing piece of western-themed art in their initial submission.
4. **Written Statements:**
  - **Impact Statement:** A written statement describing how participating in the poster competition will impact the applicant.
  - **Educational Goals (If seeking scholarship):** A personal statement outlining the educational program the applicant intends to use the scholarship for, should they win.
  - **Use of Prize Money:** A statement detailing how the applicant would utilize the prize money if they were to win the entire poster competition.
5. **Selection Process:**
  - **First Round:** Based on the initial portfolio and written statements, a panel of judges will select a group of finalists.
  - **Final Round:** Finalists will be asked to create and submit their vision for the 2024 Pendleton Round-Up Poster.
6. **Prizes and Recognition:**
  - **Scholarships:** The winner(s) will receive a scholarship to be used for educational purposes.
  - **Exhibition:** Selected works may be exhibited at the Pendleton Round-Up event and other associated venues.
7. **Intellectual Property:**
  - **Rights:** By entering, participants agree that any submitted work can be used by the organizers for promotional purposes.
  - **Originality:** All submitted works must be original and created by the applicant. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.