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## **AZ529, Arizona's Education Savings Plan Launches Statewide Future Career Art Contest**

*Arizona elementary students have an opportunity to win \$529  
towards their future education and career goals*

**PHOENIX AZ** - AZ529, Arizona's Education Savings Plan, together with the Arizona State Treasurer's Office are asking Arizona kindergarten through 6th-grade students to picture their future careers and the education they need to achieve their dreams. The second-annual AZ529 Future Career Art Contest, which launches on January 30<sup>th</sup>, asks students to draw, paint or find a creative way to make an art piece representing their dream job.

A total of 14 winners will be selected across the state and receive \$529 towards opening a new or existing AZ529 Education Savings Plan account. Winners will be selected from various Arizona counties and at least one winner representing a district, charter, private, tribal school, and homeschool will be selected. Winners will be honored by Treasurer Kimberly Yee during a special ceremony at the State Capitol at the end of March.

In all, more than \$7,000 will be distributed to 14 students to kickstart or contribute to saving for their educational plans beyond high school. Parents or guardians of the winners will be responsible for setting up an AZ529 account if an account does not already exist. **All entries must be submitted starting January 30<sup>th</sup> either online to [az529.gov/artcontest](http://az529.gov/artcontest) or through direct mail. Entries must be received by March 5, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. (MST).**

"The AZ529 Future Career Art Contest gives Arizona students an opportunity to bring their dreams to life," said Arizona Treasurer Kimberly Yee. "Families are prioritizing and investing in their child's future when they begin saving for education with an AZ529 Plan. We are excited to bring this art contest back for a second year to students across our great state."

The AZ529 Education Savings Plan offers a tax-free approach to setting money aside for college, community college, vocational training, trade school and other educational avenues for high school graduates. Arizona residents can receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax deduction for contributions made to an AZ529 account each year, of up to \$2,000 per beneficiary or \$4,000 per beneficiary depending on filing status. Funds earned over time will remain tax-free when used for a wide variety of covered educational expenses. Additionally, friends and family members may add to a child's AZ529 Plan at any time and earn the same tax benefits for themselves.

For more information about AZ529, visit <http://www.az529.gov>. For complete contest details and rules, visit <http://www.az529.gov/artcontest>.

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