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FLORIDA STATE FAIR PARTNERS WITH THE FLORIDA LOTTERY TO PROVIDE \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO ART STUDENTS

Tampa, Fla. (October 26, 2018) – For the third consecutive year, the Florida Lottery is sponsoring the Art Portfolio Contest for High School Seniors. A total of \$10,000 in scholarship money will be awarded to six students. The first-place winner will receive \$3,500, the second-place winner \$2,500 and four \$1,000 awards of merit will also be presented.

Last year, 364 students, representing 65 schools and 28 counties, entered their art portfolios in the contest. The art work of the top 32 students will be on display at the fair, which runs February 7-18, 2019.

“We are looking forward to another great fair where students can receive scholarships to assist them in their college future!” says Cheryl Flood, Executive Director at the Florida State Fair Authority.

The deadline to enter the Art Portfolio Contest is Friday, November 16, 2018. Winners will be notified on January 25, 2019.

“Everything we do at the Florida Lottery is with the goal of maximizing contributions to enhance education in our state,” said Secretary Jim Poppell. “We are proud to once again sponsor the Florida State Fair’s Art Portfolio Contest, and we look forward to seeing the creativity of Florida’s students shine.”

The Florida Lottery is the primary funding source for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program and is responsible for sending over 775,000 students to college in Florida.

The Florida State Fair is expecting nearly 500,000 people to the Florida State Fairgrounds during February 7-18, 2019. The Florida State Fair boasts the largest midway in the United States along with fair-tastic foods, games and the famous, Moo-ternity Ward.

About Florida State Fair:

The Florida State Fair, first held in Tampa in 1904, has become one of the largest events in the state, attracting more than 500,000 people during its 12-day run. Over 90 years since its inception, the Florida State Fair now boasts the largest carnival Midway in the USA, a robust agricultural program, a circus, interactive animal exhibits and new attractions each year. As the first State Fair of the year, the Florida State Fair is the first to debut new and unique fair food such as the Pizza Cone, Redneck Burger, Bacon Ice Cream and so much more! It's affordable family fun at its best. For more information, about the Florida State Fair visit www.floridastatefair.com or follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and/or [Instagram](#).

About the Florida State Fair Authority

The mission of the Florida State Fair Authority and its Board of Directors is to create positive entertainment experiences through: the annual Florida State Fair; a variety of year-round events; quality competitive programs; a commitment to agriculture, education and community service, and a focus on new opportunities.

The Florida State Fair Authority does not receive state, county or city tax dollars. Operations are funded by revenue generated by the annual Florida State Fair and the rental of Fairgrounds facilities to outside entities throughout the year. For more information about the Florida State Fair Authority, go to www.floridastatefair.com.

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