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Students urged to show Nebraska spirit in art contest

LINCOLN – Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and Nebraska.gov, the state's Web portal, are sponsoring the Nebraska Spirit Art Contest for elementary school students.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are encouraged to submit artwork that shows why Nebraska is such a great place to live, work and play.

The winners from each grade will have their work featured on a downloadable computer screen saver for one year.

"We want students to use their creativity to promote our great state," Gale said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Nebraska to the world through the Internet."

Entry details are available at www.nebraska.gov/contest. The contest begins March 3, and entries must be postmarked by May 2.

Five finalists in each grade will have their artwork posted on Nebraska.gov, and the public will have an opportunity to vote and select the winners. Finalists also will have their work displayed in the State Capitol.

The winners will be invited to a day of activities in Lincoln on June 6, including a ceremony with Gale and Gov. Dave Heineman, a tour of the Capitol, a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion and an outing at the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

Inquiries regarding the contest may be made by contacting Nebraska.gov at contest@nebraska.gov, (800) 747-8177 or (402) 471-7810.

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