



**CANADA**  
4-H Manitoba

# 4-H International Art Exchange



**Canada**



**Poland**



**United States**

**The 4-H International Art Exchange is a three-way exchange between Canada - Poland - United States where members prepare a painting or drawing which shows some aspect of their life. These 'visual letters' are collected and divided into packages which are mailed to the other two countries and packages of artwork from the other two countries are also sent to Canada.**

## **Benefits for Members**

1. Learn of the many similarities between their lives and the lives of their peers in other countries.
2. Gain a sense of being part of one world, whether they live in Canada, United States or Poland.
3. A significant learning experience including language, social studies, natural science and the arts.
4. Develop awareness, understanding and appreciation of other cultures which will last a lifetime.
5. Share their country's culture through the "visual letters" created.
6. Learn about art and how to share its meaning.

**All 4-H members are welcome to take part! This could be a fun activity for your whole club or a few interested members.**

***Please see the Art Challenge Rules for Participation information.***



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**2019/2020**

## Who Can Participate

This opportunity is open to all 4-H Manitoba members aged 6-25 years, either individually or as a club.

## How to Participate

- Members draw or paint a picture about some part of their life which is important to them to create a “visual letter”.
- Complete the name label and attach it to the back of the picture (copy ready name label attached).
- Complete the story label and attach it to the back of the picture (copy ready story label attached). This story will help the youth receiving the artwork better understand what the picture means to the artist.
- Have a parent or guardian complete the Authorization Form.
- Enclose a small photograph of artist (if permitted)
- Submit art, with completed art labels, signed Parent/Guardian Authorization Form and photograph (if permitted) to:

**Linda McRae-Walker**

**Manitoba 4-H Council**

**1129 Queens Avenue, Brandon MB R7A 1L9**

**to arrive no later than April 17, 2020**

## Artwork Rules

- Submit two-dimensional art only
- Art paper size should be between 11" x 14" and 12" x 15" .
- Do not mount or laminate artwork
- Completed name and story labels must be attached firmly to the back of the picture

## What Happens Next

- **April 2020:** Artwork will be “selected” (depending on the number of pictures submitted) to make up two kits to go to the partner countries.
- **April/May 2020:** Artwork kits will be received from partner countries.
- **June 2020:** Incoming artwork will be displayed provincially and/or available for participating clubs to display/review.
- **July 2020:** Web exhibit of youth’s artwork up on participating 4-H websites.



# Art Labels

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## 4-H Youth's Art Exchange

*Attach this label to the back of the artwork*

**Name** (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Art:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Youth Leader:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Youth Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CANADA** \_\_\_\_\_

**County/Province:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MANITOBA** \_\_\_\_\_



## 4-H Youth's Art Exchange

*Attach this label to the back of the artwork*

**Title of Art:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Story:** Please write a few lines about the story behind your picture.

# Parent or Guardian Authorization

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your youth's club is participating in an art exchange with Poland and the United States.

Your child has created his or her own picture. In fact, youth from all over 4-H Manitoba are creating artwork as part of the Canada/USA/Poland Youth's Art Exchange. Some artwork will be selected to send to Poland and the United States and become a gift to the youth there. Please complete the authorization information below to allow your youth's artwork to be considered for inclusion in this program. Thank you.

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## 4-H Youth's Art Exchange Parent/Guardian Authorization

Youth's name (please print):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Province:   MANITOBA   Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my permission to Manitoba 4-H Council Inc. to send my youth's artwork to Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) for consideration for the 4-H Youth's Art Exchange with United States and Poland.

If my youth's artwork is selected to be sent to the United States and Poland, I give my permission to Michigan Child and Youth Institute (CYI), MSUE 4-H Youth Development to use my youth's art or any reproduction of it as part of an exhibit, educational material and/or promotion of 4-H. I also give my permission for my youth's photo to accompany his or her artwork to the United States and Poland. The photo may be exhibited with his or her artwork in the United States and Poland. The photo will not be used on the Web, in the media or in 4-H promotional material, unless special permission is granted by me.

I agree that the artwork may be edited, duplicated, distributed, reproduced, broadcast and/or reformatted in any form and manner (including on the Internet) without payment of fees, in perpetuity.

I understand that artwork sent to the United States and Poland becomes a gift to the people of the United States and Poland and remains there.

I understand that my youth's artwork may be displayed on the Michigan CYI, MSUE 4-H Youth Development and art exchange partners' websites. Only the child's first name will be used.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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