



The Jane Claffey 1814 Art Award

NYSATA Region 5 has partnered with the **1814 Commemoration Inc.** for the 2024 Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Art Contest. The 1814 Art Award is named after the late Jane Claffey, a long-time volunteer for the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration and the person who was responsible for initiating and supervising the contest from 1998 until 2016. Jane was also a retired teacher. The contest started in 1998 and has taken place each year, with the exception of 2020.

Eligibility

- Student is currently enrolled in 4th grade in Clinton or Essex counties.

Prizes

- 1st Place \$100.00 and artwork will be featured on the 2024 official T-shirt.
- 2nd Place \$ 75.00
- 3rd Place \$ 50.00
- 4th Place \$ 25.00
- The winners will be announced before the end of the school year and the prizes will be awarded at a Press Conference that will be held at Plattsburgh City Hall. The prizes and certificates of achievement will be presented to the students of the winning artwork by the Mayor of Plattsburgh.
- The four winners will be invited to ride in the annual commemoration parade as special guests.

Entry Instructions

- Please submit the entry online form by **May 10, 2024**. Entry form: [The Jane Claffey 1814 Art Award](#). Enter with a single submission, multiple submissions with an arranged pick up, or multiple submissions digitally.
- Please email nysata5@gmail.com if you are planning to enter for your students.
- Teachers with multiple entries may use [Google Slides for Multiple Submissions](#)
- The words "The Battle of Plattsburgh" and student name should **NOT** be included in the artwork. The winning artwork will be used as the official T-shirt design for the 2024 Commemoration.
- On the back of the artwork, please include
 - Student name
 - District and school

- 2024
- Medium
- Art teacher (or submitting teacher) name and email
- 1814 Commemoration Inc. would like to keep the winning artwork. However, if the artist would like a copy of the artwork, a high quality print will be provided. All winning artwork will be kept in historical archives and be part of an annual exhibit that will take place during the Commemoration.
 - The artwork can be picked up or dropped off at a specified location in Plattsburgh TBD.

Artwork guidelines

- Artwork should be completed on 12x18" paper.
- Any media that can be photographed is acceptable. Please use your discretion to assist students with their choice of medium.
- Please encourage students to avoid strictly battle scenes and focus more on the living history aspect of the Battle of Plattsburgh.
- Rubric
 - 📄 Jane Claffey Art Award Rubric.pdf

Resources

- An interactive, age-appropriate coloring book called "The Battle of Plattsburgh" was created for the 2014 Bicentennial by Ricky Laurin of Chazy, and it is currently being reprinted and will be given to all students in 4th grade in Clinton and Essex Counties courtesy of 1814 Commemoration Inc., Ricky Laurin, and the Clinton County Historical Association. Schools will be contacted soon to coordinate delivery.
- Refer to [1814 Commemoration Inc](#) to access information, stories, music, and videos to assist students with historical information. All information on the website is appropriate for students. The subject is The War of 1814 and the battles that took place in the Champlain Valley and on Lake Champlain, in particular the naval battle on September 11, 1814. Also, students might be confused by the conflict being called the War of 1812 when the Battle of Plattsburgh took place in 1814. The War of 1812 ended shortly after the Battle of Plattsburgh and an agreement, called "The Treaty of Ghent" was signed in late December 1814 which officially ended the war. The border between Canada and the United States remained the same and the British Military returned to Canada and England.
- Local reenactors and historians are available. If you would like to schedule a virtual or in person visit with one of the reenactors or a local historian, [Email 1814Inc](#). They will need sufficient notice to make the arrangements.
- In 2011, Cumberland Head Elementary Students created a book for kids about the Battle of Plattsburgh, which is available to view. [Link to the Book](#). This resource is written at an age appropriate level and is written in a "Did You Know" bullet style.

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