

WESTERN HORSEMAN 2026 COVER CONTEST

Western Horseman invites you to enter your best drawing or painting in our 2026 cover art contest. The 2026 cover will celebrate the 90th anniversary of *Western Horseman*, the World's Leading Horse Magazine Since 1936.

PRIZES

Grand Prize:

Artwork featured on the January 2026 cover of *Western Horseman*, plus:

- » \$500 cash award
- » Feature profile in the magazine and online
- » Two-year subscription to *Western Horseman*
- » *Western Horseman* prize package

Honorable Mentions:

Selected finalists may be featured in the magazine or on westernhorseman.com.

CONTEST GUIDELINES

- » Artwork must be original and created solely by the entrant.
- » Artwork must not have been previously published or reproduced in any form, including online or in print, and must be unique to this contest.
- » Art must reflect *Western Horseman's* core themes — horses, horsemanship, cowboy life, ranching or the Western landscape.
- » Mediums accepted: painting or drawing (oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, etc.).
- » No digital art accepted.
- » Final cover dimensions: vertical 8.25 x 11 inches; please keep this in mind when composing your piece.
- » One entry per artist.
- » Artwork must include a fully completed official entry form; no entry fee required.



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JUDGING CRITERIA

Artwork will be evaluated by a panel of judges from:

- » Cowgirl Artists of America
- » Cowboy Artists of America
- » *Western Horseman* editorial staff

Selections will be based on creativity, technical execution and how well the piece captures the spirit of the *Western Horseman* brand and its 90th anniversary.

SUBMISSION PROCESS AND DEADLINE

How To Submit:

- » Entries must be submitted by mail or online via our website.
- » Participants are required to complete the official entry form and include it with their artwork, following all guidelines outlined in the contest rules.

All entries must be received by **September 1, 2025**.

Mailed artwork must be sent to:

Western Horseman 2026 Cover Art Contest
Attn: Jennifer Christian
2112 Montgomery St.
Fort Worth, TX 76107

All original artwork will be returned to the artist after the contest concludes. Please provide a return label if mailing directly.

Contest closes **September 1, 2025**.



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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

AGE (if under 18): _____

MAILING ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip Code):

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

ARTWORK TITLE: _____

MEDIUM: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PIECE:

By signing below, I certify that the artwork submitted is my original work and has not been previously published or reproduced. I agree to the contest guidelines, and I grant permission for *Western Horseman* to publish my work if selected.

ARTIST SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

If entrant is under 18, parent or legal guardian must sign below.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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