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Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in International District (IMD) and Boat People SOS-Houston' (BPSOS-Houston) "Houston, Through My Eyes" Art Contest! IMD and BPSOS-Houston are proud to partner with Mayor Annise Parker in Houston's Fifth Annual Citizenship Month, and hopes that students just like you will join us in celebrating the diversity and growth of our city.

This packet provides you with all the information you will need to help you create your drawing or painting of Houston through your personal experiences. Please read over the information and guidelines before you begin, and fill out the applicant information page once you are ready to submit your drawing/painting. **Please keep in mind that all drawings or paintings must be submitted to the BPSOS office (11360 Bellaire Blvd, Suite 910, Houston, TX 77072) by Wednesday November 6, 2013 to be considered.**

If you have any questions regarding the story contest or about IMD/BPSOS-Houston, please visit our websites at [www.imdhouston.org](http://www.imdhouston.org) or [www.bpsoshou.org](http://www.bpsoshou.org) or call our offices at 281. 564. 5252 or 281-530-6888.

Thank you and good luck!

Warmest regards,

Houston Through My Eyes Planning Committee

Annie Trinh and Jannette Diep

## Boat People SOS-Houston "Houston, Through My Eyes" Art Contest

### Information and Guidelines

Are you an artist? Do you want to share your experience as a citizen of Houston through your drawing or painting? IMD and BPSOS-Houston want to see it!

This year, IMD and BPSOS-Houston are sponsoring "Houston, Through My Eyes" Art Contest and is asking all students in Houston to participate! **In a drawing or painting illustrate your view of Houston. What do you think of when reminded of Houston and in four sentences describe your work and why you drew or paint it.**

To be considered, it takes three steps:

- 1) Make sure you're a student in the Greater Houston area
- 2) Fill out the student application
- 3) Submit your drawing or painting along with your narrative no later than 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.**

We will be looking for drawings or paintings that reflect your view of Houston. Your work should be creative, thought-out and personal - remember, this is about you and your views.

Five finalists will be chosen from each level - elementary, middle/junior high and high schools for a total of fifteen finalists:

Elementary School Level: 4th and 5th grades

Middle and Junior High School Level: 6th, 7th and 8th grades

High School Level: 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades

We will **only** accept applications from students **attending a school located in the city of Houston**

In addition, all participants, finalists, and their families, will be invited to our Art Display and Awards Ceremony on Saturday November 9th , 2013 at:

Alief Spark Park & Nature Center  
8409 ½ Dairy View  
**(Diary Ashford @ Beechnut)**  
Houston, TX 77072

The ceremony will mark the end of Houston's fifth Citizenship month and will honor the art contest's fifteen finalists and six winners.

If you have any questions about the guidelines, please contact

Annie Trinh at 832.638.2545, [atrinh@imdhouston.org](mailto:atrinh@imdhouston.org) or [www.imdhouston.org](http://www.imdhouston.org) or

Jannette Diep at 281.530.6888, [Jannette.diep@bpsos.org](mailto:Jannette.diep@bpsos.org), [www.bpsoshou.org](http://www.bpsoshou.org). for more information.

So are you ready? It's time to be creative!

**IMD and BPSOS-Houston' "Houston, Through My Eyes" Art Contest**

**Student Application**

Please be sure to fill out the information below and submit this page along with your artwork and narrative. We will only use this information for contact purposes should you be a finalist for the contest.

**The deadline for art submissions is Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> , 2013 at 6:00 PM.** Please drop off your artwork and narrative to BPSOS office at 11360 Bellaire Blvd, Suite 910, Houston, TX 77072.

**\*Incomplete applications will not be considered\***

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best number to contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that I have written this narrative and created this artwork, and will give IMD and BPSOS permission to publish it on their websites and/or newspaper should I be considered a finalist. I understand that if I am selected as a finalist, I will be present at the Art display and Awards Ceremony on \_\_\_\_\_.*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_