



*Cathy Justice*  
*First Lady of West Virginia*

Greetings from the Governor's Mansion!

It is my pleasure to invite students from your school to create and decorate an ornament as a class\* as part of the seventeenth annual 2021 First Lady Student Ornament Competition. This year, to celebrate the holiday season, we have chosen "Santa" as the theme for our ornament.

Classrooms are invited to submit an ornament, so please pass this information along to the art teacher at your school. All ornaments will be displayed at the West Virginia State Capitol Complex during the 2021 holiday season. The ornaments will be classified in four divisions according to grade: k-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Each ornament will be individually judged, and four winners will be selected, one from each division.

The winning individuals, groups, or classes will be invited to participate virtually in the State Capitol's annual holiday event, the Joyful Night Celebration. In January 2022, the four winning ornaments will be donated to the West Virginia State Museum for their permanent collection.

Please submit your "Santa" class ornament by **Friday, November 19, 2021**. Detailed information on the ornament decoration procedure is included in this email. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth Yeager at (304)558-0220 or send her an email at [Elizabeth.A.Yeager@wv.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.A.Yeager@wv.gov).

Every year, we look forward to hosting this competition with the Department of Arts, Culture and History. The Governor and I love to see how talented our students are! We wish you a wonderful school year and truly appreciate your participation in this holiday tradition.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Justice".

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\*Teachers, please be mindful of maintaining safe social distances for students who work on this project as a group

# Design and Submission Information for the 2021 First Lady Student Ornament Competition

- Only one ornament per class is allowed for judging
- The ornament should represent the “Santa” theme
- The ornament must be no larger than 10 inches and can be three-dimensional
- For the construction of the ornament, use lightweight materials such as paper, foam board, cardboard, felt, or paper mache.
- Be creative! Decorate your ornament with items such as glitter, photographs, crayons, paint, aluminum foil, or paper.
- On the reverse side of the decorated ornament, you must write the following
  - Teacher’s name
  - School and class
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - Mailing address

*If the information is not written on the reverse side of the ornament, it will be displayed on the tree, but not eligible for judging.*

- Attach a five-inch loop of string or ribbon to hang the ornament on the tree.
- The ornament will not be returned
- The ornament must be received no later than Friday, November 19, 2021 at the Department of Arts, Culture, and History. Post marked ornaments received after this date cannot be judged.
- The winning class will be notified the week beginning November 29th.

Please send or deliver the ornament to:

Elizabeth Yeager  
Department of Arts, Culture, and History  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor, The Culture Center  
1900 Kanawha Blvd, East  
Charleston, WV 25305

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