



# Mardi Gras Mask Contest Rules and Entry Form

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The history of Mardi Gras masks dates back to the 18th century when all groups of society could hide their identities and go unrecognized in the events of Mardi Gras. A colorful, decorative mask and costume allowed anyone to rise above his or her everyday life and construct a new identity – which gave Mardi Gras its soul.

The Lake Dallas 2012 Mardi Gras Mask Contest challenges youth to design their own Mardi Gras mask. Top 3 selected winners will receive a cash prize, certificate and an invitation to ride with Lake Dallas' Mayor Tony Marino in the 'Big Easy' parade scheduled for 'Fat Tuesday', February 21st at 5:45 PM.

Judging is divided by grade level groups with the following cash prizes available:

- Elementary (3rd thru 5th) – 1st \$100; 2nd \$50; and 3rd \$25
- Middle School (6th thru 8th) – 1st \$100; 2nd \$50; and 3rd \$25

The scoring criteria is based on:

- Presentation (beauty/creativity)
- Workmanship (design/detail)
- Theme (represents the spirit of Mardi Gras)

Masks will be turned into Lake Dallas City Hall by 5 PM on Thursday, February 16th for judging prior to the Mardi Gras celebration on Tuesday, February 21st. Winners will be announced from the Main Stage on 'Fat Tuesday' at 7 PM. Contestants do not have to be present to win and prize money will be issued by check.

Participants can pick up their masks at City Hall to wear for the event; otherwise, those not picked up will be displayed in the City Hall lobby and returned to their school in the following days.

Come enjoy a Lake Dallas tradition – Mardi Gras! The Best Free Event on Earth... or at least in Denton County!



Please turn in mask with entry label securely attached to Lake Dallas City Hall, 212 Main St., Lake Dallas, TX 75065 by **5 PM on February 16th**. Masks will be judged prior to the Mardi Gras celebration and available for pick-up before 5 PM on February 21st at City Hall.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's City \_\_\_\_\_ Art Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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