

Call for Submissions

Orange Shirt Design | Saskatoon Public Schools

1. Introduction

Saskatoon Public Schools invites residents of Saskatoon who are 16 years of age or older to submit an original design for a new Saskatoon Public Schools Orange Shirt. The Orange Shirt will be made available for purchase by students, staff, and families in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

2. Guiding Principles

Preference in the evaluation process will be given to:

- Indigenous artists.
- Artists with a connection to Saskatoon Public Schools.

3. Ideal Representation

Artwork should honour Residential School Survivors while reflecting hope, learning, belonging, and reconciliation.

Designs should be original and avoid stereotypes, generalized Indigenous imagery, or cultural elements used without appropriate knowledge or permission.

To support high-quality reproduction (transition to graphic design), avoid excessive detail and limit the design to no more than five colours.

By submitting artwork, artists confirm that the work is their original creation and does not infringe on the copyright or intellectual property rights of any other individual or organization.

4. Scope of Work

The successful artist will:

- Provide original artwork in a high-resolution digital format (JPG, PNG, PDF or AI preferred).
- Consent to revisions as required to transfer original artwork into design-ready artwork.

5. Proposal Requirements

In addition to the submitted artwork, please include a cover letter that includes:

- A brief biography telling us who you are.
- If applicable, indicate whether you self-identify as Indigenous.
- If applicable, describe your connection(s) to Saskatoon Public Schools.

6. Honorarium

The successful artist will receive a \$1,500 honorarium in recognition of the creation and submission of the selected original artwork.

The honorarium will be paid following the selection of the successful artwork on August 13, 2026.

7. Artwork Ownership

The successful artist will retain copyright of the original artwork.

By accepting the \$1,500 honorarium, the successful artist grants Saskatoon Public Schools perpetual, royalty-free authorization to adapt, reproduce, display, and use the artwork on Orange Shirts and related promotional materials.

Saskatoon Public Schools anticipates using the selected design for approximately five years; however, the division reserves the right to continue using the artwork beyond that time.

8. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

Criteria	Weight
Alignment with ideal representation	25%
Indigenous identity (if applicable)	25%
SPS connection(s) (if applicable)	25%
Ease of reproduction on t-shirts	25%

9. Timeline

Call for Artwork Issued	July 15
Artwork Submitted	August 10
Successful Artist Selected	August 13

10. Submission Requirements

Please submit proposals electronically [<mailto:cameronc@spsd.sk.ca>] in JPG format to:

To: [cameronc@spsd.sk.ca] Colleen Cameron, Manager, Communications & Marketing

Subject line: Orange Shirt Artwork Submission