

Kids' Creative Business Card Drawing

Why a business card contest? At the Capitol, it is customary for legislators and visitors to exchange business cards as a tool by which to remember one another. Many legislators and businessmen keep these business cards in files or notebooks and refer to them for contact information when they need to get back in touch with someone about a business or political matter. Therefore, business cards are valuable tools in the business world. When you visit your representative, you will notice a little holder on your representative's desk that holds his business cards.

Homeschooled children can participate in this common practice of exchanging business cards by creating a personal business card on the computer, making many copies of it to hand to representatives they visit on Homeschool Day at the Capitol and to friends they meet on the Capitol grounds that day, as well as an extra one to enter into a drawing to be held that day. Hand-drawn cards are welcome as well. Your card can be in color or black-and-white, with or without graphics, on colored or white paper. Most business cards are printed on quality cardstock, which is heavier than computer paper, so we recommend doing your cards on quality paper as well. Cardstock withstands handling much better than regular paper does. Business cards done on the back of Mom or Dad's cards or business cards done on-site will not be accepted for the drawing.

Like dressing nicely and talking politely, your business card is another first impression for you and for homeschooling to the person who receives it. Your representatives will get an impression of homeschooling through your creativity, your professionalism, your correct spelling and grammar, and the general sharp appearance of your card. You want to make sure you give an excellent impression of yourself and of homeschooling, so have a good proofer check your work before you take your business card with you to give out that day.

Rules:

1. Homeschooled children ages 5-18 are eligible to enter their own creative work. Only one entry per child.
2. Cards must be regular, business card-size which is 2" x 3 ½ ". Writing must be neat and legible.
3. Information written on cards must be approved by parents prior to entry. Parental approval is assumed upon receipt of entered card. In other words, if parents do not want personal address of child on card, don't put it on there.
4. Business cards done on the back of Mom or Dad's cards or business cards done on-site will not be accepted for the drawing.
5. Business cards must be turned in at the Homeschool Day at the Capitol Sign-In Desk by 12:00 noon on April 10.
6. The drawing will be held on-site during lunchtime, and the winner announced. Winner must be present to win. Cards will be drawn until a winner comes forward to claim the prize.