

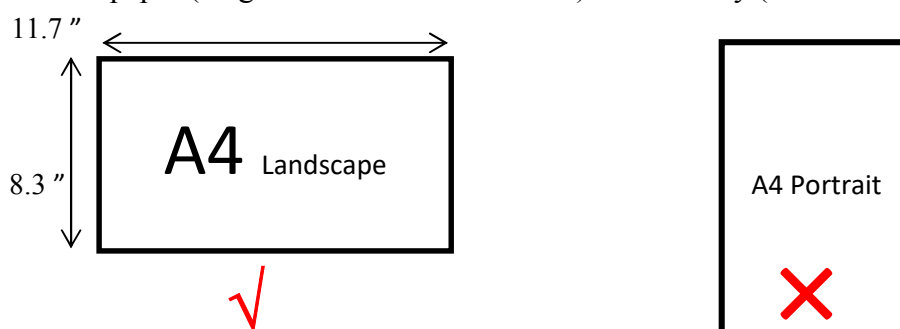
Department of Christian Religious Affairs in conjunction with Bureau of Stamps Islandwide Christmas Postage Stamp Art Competition - 2023

- ❖ Competition conditions.
- ❖ Themes and Age Group (Age as on 31-12-2023)
 - 1st Group Category (Under 10 Years and from 10 years up to 15 Years)
Theme: " **God , The Father's love that invites the shepherds to the divine Infant**"
 - 2nd Group (From Age 15 up to 21 years and above 21 years open)
Theme: " **The guiding star of the Nature leads the Magi (Kings) to God ; leads us to God**"

Sri Lankans living locally or abroad may apply for the Competition

❖ How to send the drawings

- A4 size A paper (length 11.7 " and width 8.3 ") horizontally (A4 - Landscape)



- Leave a margin of ½ Inch (½ inch frame).
- Any medium can be used except colored pencils.
- This is not a drawing competition and the image itself is used for a stamp , so it must be designed to fit a stamp; The lines of the drawing should be clear .
- painting should reflect the basic symbols of Christmas . (e.g. comet , holy family etc.)
- No text should be written on the surface of the painting .
- Competitor's name, age, Date of birth, personal address, name of Dhamma school/school and a telephone number that can be easily contacted should be clearly noted at the back of the paper To write certificates, the name must be mentioned in English capital letters (Block Letters) .
- A priest / school principal / Sunday school principal / a justice of the peace / a government executive should confirm (with the official stamp) that the respective drawing is his/ her own creation.

- Drawings should be sent to : The Director, Department of Christian Religious Affairs, No.180 , 3rd Floor, T.B. Jaya Mawatha, Colombo 10, and Should written “ Christmas Postage Stamp Art Competition - 2023” on the top left corner of the envelope ; by registered post or can be hand submitted on government working days to the office between 8.30 am and 4.15 p.m.

- ❖ **How to select winning Drawings**
 - From each age groups 1, 2 , 3 places will be selected.
 - From the above selected drawings two drawings will be selected as the Christmas postage stamps.
 - Meritorious drawings will be selected from each age group and certificates will be awarded for those drawings.

- ❖ **Selection :**
 - Selection will be done by an expert panel including Stamp Bureau officials.
 - All Drawings that do not agree with the competition conditions will be rejected and the final decision on the Drawings rests with the judging panel taken by
 - Winning Drawings selected for postage stamps must agree to make necessary changes to Stamp Bureau requirements and stamp standards.

- ❖ Last date to send applications :- **31-10 -2023**
- ❖ More Details :-
 - phone number **0112665584**
 - Department website www.christian.gov.lk and
 - **departmentofchristian** from Face book page

Director,
Department of Christian Religious Affairs