

## DoKomi × Mynavi Publishing

### Illustration Contest2026 Application Guidelines

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This contest is organized with the cooperation of Mynavi Publishing Co., Ltd., a Japanese publishing company, and Akiba Dreams Co., Ltd. The call for entries to the illustration contest will begin on Tuesday, **December 23 2025**, and the submission deadline is Sunday, **April 19, 2026**.

#### 1. Contest Overview

##### ◆Application Period

December 23, 2025 (Tue) – April 19, 2026 (Sun)

##### ◆Eligibility

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older
- Open to residents both within Germany and abroad, regardless of participation in DoKomi 2026
- Professionals and amateurs alike are welcome—anyone who loves drawing illustrations
- Applicants must be able to provide a social media account along with their submission

##### ◆Theme

“Kawaii!” (Cute!)

##### ◆How to Apply

Please register individually via the “Application Form” located at the bottom of the Illustration Contest page.

##### ◆Judging

Entries will be reviewed and selected by professional staff at Mynavi Publishing.

◆Announcement of Results :

Winners will be contacted directly by a representative of Mynavi Publishing.

◆Awards

- For participants attending DoKomi 2026, an award ceremony will be held on the final day of the event.
- Results will also be published on the DoKomi Illustration Contest page.

**【Important Notes】**

- Automated entries via competition clubs or service providers are not permitted.
- The organizers reserve the right to disqualify participants who violate the entry conditions or engage in fraudulent activities.
- The Grand Prize winner must agree to the requirements defined under “Usage Rights.”
- Works which submitted to the DoKomi Illustration Contest may also be submitted to Mynavi Publishing’s contest.
- Multiple entries by the same individual will be counted as a single submission.
- If submitted works do not meet the judging criteria, the organizers reserve the right to conclude the contest without awarding prizes.
- Participants retain their legal rights to information disclosure and cancellation.

## 2. Prizes

### Grand Prize

- Cash award of ¥100,000 (subject to potential transfer fees)  
\*The cash award includes an advance payment of royalties.
- Electronic publishing rights in Japan
- Panel display of the winning illustration (to be presented at the award ceremony)
- A safe artist booth at DoKomi 2027. The booth has to be paid by the participant and the participant has to comply with our T&C.

## 3. Usage Rights

By participating in this contest and ultimately receiving an award, winners agree to the following usage rights for their submitted works:

- The contest co-partner, Mynavi Publishing Co., Ltd. (Mynavi Publishing, 2-6-3 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan), will obtain joint usage rights as well as electronic publishing rights for the illustration.

• DoKomi reserves the right to post the results of the Illustration Contest on its social media platforms.

#### 4. Design Rules

All submitted work must comply with the following rules in order to be eligible for judging:

- Theme: “Kawaii!” (Cute!)
- A minimum of 4 illustration pieces must be submitted
- Resolution: up to 300 dpi
- Accepted file formats: PDF, JPEG, PNG, or TIFF
- Use of generative AI tools is strictly prohibited
- Submitted works must not contain copyrighted material (including secondary use of existing works)
- Works must not include discriminatory, racist, or otherwise offensive content that violates public order and morality

#### 【Notes】

- Submissions do not need to include DoKomi mascots or references to DoKomi
- Both unpublished and previously created works are eligible for submission

#### 5. Early Termination of the Contest

AkibaDreams GmbH reserves the right to suspend or terminate this contest without prior notice. This option may be exercised if the proper execution of the contest cannot be guaranteed due to technical reasons (e.g., computer system viruses, hardware and/or software malfunctions or errors) or for legal reasons.

If such termination is caused by the actions of a participant, AkibaDreams GmbH reserves the right to claim compensation from that participant for any damages incurred.

#### 6. Governing Law; Severability; Exclusion of Legal Remedies; Right to Amend

These Terms of Participation and the legal relationship between participants and AkibaDreams GmbH shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the Federal Republic of

Germany.

If any individual provision of these Terms of Participation is found to be invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

Incomplete or invalid provisions shall be supplemented or replaced by an appropriate provision that comes as close as possible—both economically and in intent—to the meaning and purpose of the invalid or incomplete provision.

Legal remedies are excluded.

### **7. Relation to Social Media (Instagram, Facebook, X/Twitter)**

This contest is in no way connected to Instagram, Facebook, or X (Twitter).

It is neither sponsored, endorsed, nor administered by these platforms.

All information provided by participants will be received by AkibaDreams GmbH, not by Instagram, Facebook, or X (Twitter). Therefore, any questions, comments, or complaints should be directed to AkibaDreams GmbH, not to the aforementioned platforms.

By participating, entrants acknowledge that no claims of any kind may be made against Instagram, Facebook, or X (Twitter).

### **8. Data Protection**

All information regarding the privacy policy and your rights can be found here:

LINK

### **9. Contest Organizers**

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