

Art: The Universal Language

General Contest Guidelines

Individuals with disabilities offer unique, diverse, and valuable perspectives that can benefit all Pennsylvanians. Artistic ability and expression offer unique opportunities for everyone to appreciate and understand the talents and perspectives of Pennsylvanians with a disability. A team of judges including representatives from the sponsoring agencies will recognize winners based on the following criteria: originality, imagination, visual interest, and skillful use of materials.

Eligibility

This contest is open to any Pennsylvanian with a disability. Contestants are limited to one entry.

Media Categories

Art must fit into one of the media categories listed below. Artwork must be small enough that winning pieces can be shipped to and from Harrisburg at the artist's expense and without needing to be assembled. Artworks must weigh less than 10 pounds.

Painting, Drawing, Photography, 3-D, Mixed Media/Other

Age Divisions

First, second, and third place will be recognized in each media category and in each of the following age divisions. If the artist is under age 18, contest entry requires approval and a signature from a parent or guardian.

12 and under, 13 to 17, 18 and older

Submission

Submissions must be received by **Monday, August 15, 2016**. First, second, and third place winners in each media category and age division will be notified. The first place winners will be given instructions concerning an awards ceremony to take place this fall in Harrisburg, where the winning pieces will be displayed.

DO NOT MAIL ORIGINAL ARTWORK. Artists should submit a high resolution image. Acceptable file formats include JPG, TIF, PNG, BMP, GIF, and PDF. Acceptable submissions may be in the form of:

a digital image on CD mailed to the address listed below

a high resolution photograph mailed to the address listed below, or

an attachment sent to the email address listed below. The file may not be larger than four megabytes.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in disqualification.

All submissions must be accompanied by the required entry form completed in full. No more than ONE entry per artist, please. Artists agree that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the sponsoring agencies of this art contest have their irrevocable permission to use the submitted artwork for any lawful purpose.

Images of artwork and the completed entry form can be emailed to: artcontest@pa.gov or mailed to:

ART CONTEST
Attn: Devon Grant
625 Forster St.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Contest Entry Form

PLEASE carefully read contest guidelines before submitting artwork to ensure that your submission is included in the contest. This form must be completed and submitted in accordance with the guidelines.

Artist Information

Name: _____ Age: _____

If under 18, Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Entry Information

Title of Piece: _____

Media (indicate one):

Painting Drawing Photography 3-D Mixed Media/Other

Briefly describe your work of art and what it means to you. If more space is required, attach your description to this form. Descriptions should not be longer than one paragraph:

Contest Terms

Submissions must be received by **Monday, August 15, 2016**. I agree to the terms laid out in the guidelines for this art contest. I confirm that all information above is accurate and complete. I certify that this artwork is original and my own. I further agree that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the sponsoring agencies have my irrevocable permission to use the submitted artwork for any lawful purpose.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

If under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Don't forget to attach your artwork!