

Art for Democracy

Students express the spirit of democracy



Fig. Draped Flag by Fred Nold, Naples FL

The vision for the “Art for Democracy” contest is to obtain, showcase and judge artwork that expresses what democracy means to our student artists in Collier County. There can be several facets to this expression including the many faces of democracy, preserving and promoting the democratic process or expressing the spirit of democracy.

The Supervisor of Elections invites student artists to participate in the Art for Democracy contest. This year’s themes are based by grade and will center around the history of democracy, the voting process and the faces of democracy. Twelve winning pieces will be featured in a 2019 election-focused materials distributed by the Supervisor of Elections office at local outreach and educational events, potentially reaching 200,000+ voters. A monetary donation will be made to the Art Department of the school who wins “Best of Show,” and a scholarship will be awarded to one high school student for their winning entry.

Presented by the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office

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Participants

Participants may be any student within the Collier County Public School System or enrolled in a K-12 private or charter school. Acceptable art media includes: oils, colored pencils, gouache, acrylics, watercolors, graphite/pencil, pen/ink, pastel, tempera, batik, scratchboard and original prints (ie. lithographs, etchings and engravings).

Themes based on grade:

Grades K-5 = History of Democracy

Examples: Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, the history of voting rights & amendments

Grades 6-8 = The Voting Process

Examples: How we vote, elections, ballots

Grades 9-12 = The Faces of Democracy

Examples: Key figures who represent democracy, public officials and election workers

Judging

All submissions must be original, 8.5"x11" two-dimensional pieces. Judging will be separated into two categories: Category #1 is open to grade levels K-12 and will be competing for a monetary donation to their school's Art Department. Category #2 is for high school students only who will compete for a scholarship award.

Judging will be conducted by three to five leaders in the community who will base their scores on the following criteria:

- 1.) Creative composition and design
- 2.) Relates to the assigned theme based on grade level
- 3.) Expertise in technique and handling of media

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Deadline	Date
Call for entries	Thursday, October 4 - Thursday, November 15
Entry submission deadline	Thursday, November 15
Judging	Monday, November 26 - Friday, November 30
Winning artists announced	Monday, December 3
All artwork returned to the Fine Arts Coordinator	Thursday, December 13

All entries must be submitted to Skip Pardee, Collier County Public Schools Fine Arts Coordinator: 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples FL 34109 and must accompany this form when submitted. By submitting this document, you affirm that you have read and understand the rules and obligations presented during the Art for Democracy project. You also affirm that the artwork you are presenting is an original piece created by you, the artist.

Artist Name _____

Grade Level _____

School Name _____

Phone Number _____

Art Instructor _____

Entry Number (official use) _____