

ART FOR DEMOCRACY



2024

2024 Call for Entries

The vision for the “Art for Democracy” contest is to obtain, showcase and judge artwork that expresses what the democratic process means to our student artists in Collier County.

The Supervisor of Elections invites student artists in grades K-12 to submit original artwork with voting and election-centric themes. Students K-8 may also enter an original design for an “I Registered to Vote” sticker to be considered for use in the 2025. Twelve winning pieces will be featured in the 2025 election-related materials distributed by the Supervisor of Elections office at local outreach and educational events. A monetary donation will be made to the K-8 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. Prizes are presented by Champions For Learning through the Chuck Mohlke Endowment Fund of the Community Foundation of Collier County.



*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, charter school or home school.

Acceptable forms of art media include, but are not limited to: oils, colored pencils, gouache, acrylics, watercolors, graphite/pencil, pen/ink, photography, graphic design, pastel, tempera, batik, scratchboard and original prints.

Grades K-8

Student artists in grades K-8 may choose to submit artwork in one of two categories:

Category 1: An original, 8.5x11” two-dimensional piece of artwork.

Students in grades K-5 should express the theme of “The history of our government” (Examples: Revolutionary War, the Declaration of Independence, the history of voting rights and amendments).

Students in grades 6-8 should express the theme of “The Voting Process” (Examples: registering to vote, the importance of voting and the three ways you can cast a ballot: Vote-by-Mail, Vote Early or Vote on Election Day).

OR

Category 2: An original design for an “I Registered to Vote” sticker, created on the attached template, to be used in 2025. Artwork must include the words “I Registered to Vote.”

Grades 9-12

All submissions must be original, 8.5x11” two-dimensional pieces. Artwork previously created is eligible for submission. Artwork submitted in this category will be considered for the high school scholarship and should express one of two themes.

Theme 1: Faces of Democracy (Examples: political figures or individuals praised for their contributions towards voting rights).

Theme 2: Voting Local (Examples: importance of voting in local elections, how a bill becomes law, key figures or issues in your local government and community).

Judging

Judging will be conducted by leaders in the community including the Supervisor of Elections 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 opens	Tuesday, October 1
Entry submission deadline	Monday November 11
Judging	Monday, November 18-Friday, November 22
Winning artists announced	Tuesday, December 3

All entries must be submitted to Skip Pardee, Collier County Public Schools Fine Arts Coordinator: 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples FL 34109 and must be accompanied by 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 contest. You also affirm that the artwork you are presenting is an original piece created by you, the artist, and does not include privately owned images or violate any copyright regulations.

Artist Name _____

Grade Level _____

School Name _____

Phone Number _____

Art Instructor _____

Entry Number (official use) _____

“I Registered to Vote” Sticker Contest

Grades K-8 | Category 2

Instructions:

1. Student must create a piece of original artwork using the template provided below, without going outside template.
2. Any materials can be used, including but not limited to crayon, colored pencil, markers, pen/ink, pencil, and watercolors.
3. The artwork must include the words “I Registered to Vote.”
4. Artwork cannot include any copyrighted images.

