



Creativity Can Change the World

A Fine Arts Competition, Black History Month 2025

RULES & GUIDELINES

Eligibility

High School Students in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12

Final Submission Deadline

All entries must be received by

Monday, February 24, 2025, 11:59 pm Central Time

Send entry and all forms to: info@lonestarlinksinc.org

WORKS WITH PROFANITY OR SEXUAL CONTENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

All writings, musical lyrics and compositions, dance choreography and dramatical works must be the original and unpublished work of the student.

Submission Requirements

Submissions of original and unpublished work in the Performing, Written, Digital and Visual arts are welcome. Below are submission guidelines for specific artistic expressions. If your submission is in the "other" category, please contact the committee to confirm prior to submission.

Each participant may submit a maximum of two works in any category. Individual participants are only eligible to win one prize. If both entries receive prize level scoring, the highest scoring entry will be awarded.

Poetry: Submission must include a collection of three poems

Essays: Three pages maximum (No biographies or research papers)

Short Stories: Maximum word count of 750

Dance: Maximum of three-minutes dance performance of any genre

Music: Maximum of three-minutes instrumental or vocal performance

Drama: Maximum of three-minutes skit / monologue /Spoken Word performance

Visual Art: Eligible media are watercolor, charcoal, pencil, acrylics, pen, paint, fabric, collage, crayons, mosaic, scratch art or a computer-generated image (but not computer clip art)

Other: Additional art forms such as sculpture, podcasts, or short films are also welcome. Please contact the committee at info@lonestarlinc.org prior to submission to confirm the ability to display submission in the other category.

Theme Requirement

Submissions must align with the 2025 theme:

Creating The World I Want To See

Final Submission Deadline

The submission deadline for your final work is **Monday, February 24, 2025**.

On this date, all entries must be submitted with the required forms. All entries must be emailed to info@lonestarlinc.org by 11:59pm.

Display and Presentation Opportunities

All finalists will have the opportunity to present their art during the Black History Month reception being held at the Round Rock Texas library on February 20, 2025. If you would like to present your work at the reception, you must email info@lonestarlinc.org by Friday, February 15, 2025. Please provide your name, phone number, email and artistic category. You are not required to submit your final work at this time.

Each entry MUST include:

- Submission Form
- Permission to Publish Form
- Media Release
- Teacher/Program Coordinator/Adult Sponsor Verification Form

Submission forms can be downloaded from the website info@lonestarlinc.org/events

Instructions for completing Poetry and Prose entries

- Must be typed and submitted in .docx or .pdf
- Times New Roman, Size 12 Font
- Page: Letter-8 ½ x 11; black type; double spaced. Poetry may be single spaced
- Contestants' name should be typed in the top right corner of each page
- Each page must be numbered. Cover pages are not required.

Instructions for completing Dance, Music, and Drama entries

- Transmitted via video upload; mp4; resolution to 720p
- Time limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes
- Entries may be submitted by an individual or by a group

Instructions for completing Visual Art entries

- Eligible media are watercolor, charcoal, pencil, acrylics, pen, paint, fabric, collage, crayons, mosaic, scratch art or a computer-generated image (but not computer clip art).
- Computer-generated artwork should be 3000x2000 with a resolution of 300ppi. Artwork can be 2D or 3D collage. All images should be a poster composition, and express themes related to the applicable theme for the student's category of eligibility. Diversity is encouraged in the imagery.
- Paper, canvas or art board are recommended. Participants are encouraged to use standard materials. Standard art materials sizes include: 9"x12" and 11"x14". Consider that the poster will be photographed for uploading when you decide on the size of materials.
- Include a title for your work that expresses the theme or subject matter.

Instructions for completing entries in the Other category

If your submission is in the other category or is a combination of categories, please contact the committee at info@lonestarlinksinc.org for submission requirements.

PRIZES

All submissions will be judged by members of the Lone Star (TX) Chapter of the Links Incorporated and invited community partners.

First Place Submissions will receive:

- \$500 Cash Prize
- Recognition on the Lone Star (TX) Chapter of the Links Incorporated Website
- Submission to the 2025 - 2026 Young Masters and Artists Competition, a national pilot program of The Links Incorporated. This program is a national competition with national exposure and a chance for additional cash prizes.

Second Place Submissions will receive:

- \$250 Cash Prize
- Recognition on the Lone Star (TX) Chapter of the Links Incorporated Website

Third Place Submissions will receive:

- \$100 Cash Prize
- Recognition on the Lone Star (TX) Chapter of the Links Incorporated Website