

Information and Guidelines for Disability Pride Parade Visual Art Contest

Disability Pride Parade Visual Art Contest: More than a contest...an opportunity to increase awareness of disability history, the disability rights movement and to promote inclusion of people with disabilities.

About the Disability Pride Parade

The Disability Pride Parade remembers struggles, celebrates achievements, and reminds us that much has yet to be done in the movement for equal access, opportunity, and inclusion in all aspects of life for people with disabilities. The disability community is proud of its identity and accomplishments and invites all of us to unite with them at the parade. The parade commemorates the passage of the historic Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. Each year since the NYC parade began in 2015, supporters travel along the parade route, experience performances and check-in at various booths staffed by organizations and artists.

About the Contest

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life including jobs, schools, transportation, and all public and private places. The purpose of the law is to ensure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. Our hope is that students will create visual representations of this year's theme, *Disability Rights are Civil Rights*. This theme is an important reminder of the history of the disability rights movement and gives students the opportunity to join the many voices involved in advocating for disability rights at the Disability Pride Parade this coming July. The parade celebrates the 29th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Judging

A selection committee will review artwork submissions based on the following criteria:

- Representation of the theme (60%)
- Originality (30%)
- Technical Skill (10%)

Please note: Submissions with the ability to place text in the image will be more heavily considered.

10 Finalists will have their artwork displayed in DOE Central Offices and at the NYC Department of Education booth during the Disability Pride Parade. Finalists and their families will be invited to a special reception.

One Grand Finalist will have their image used on posters and flyers to advertise the Disability Pride Parade. This image will be reproduced on other flyers and materials.

Please note: Any artwork and or images that show copyrighted images will be rejected. Artwork may not include characters from books, video games, TV shows or other copyrighted material. All artwork must be original ideas and created entirely by the student.

Submission Guidelines

Important Deadlines: Friday, March 29, 2019

Work must be submitted by Friday, March 29, 2019. If the work is not submitted by this date, it cannot be considered in the competition.

Number of Entries

One entry per student.

Eligibility

Pre K – 12

Criteria

Artwork must be original work produced by students and should represent the theme provided. Student work must be their own and not a copy of copyrighted material. Work will be judged by its ability to represent the words, *Disability Rights are Civil Rights*.

Artwork Theme

The theme for the Disability Pride Parade Visual Art Contest is: *Disability Rights are Civil Rights*. These words represent a national movement to secure equal opportunities and equal rights for people with disabilities. We want to see how this theme inspires you. Artwork can be realistic or abstract.

Submissions

Any of the following media or techniques may be used:

- Paint (watercolor, tempera, poster, acrylic, etc.)
- Drawing materials (pencil, charcoal, colored chalk, pastels, oil pastels, colored pencils, markers, etc.)
- Collage materials (cut and glued papers, such as construction paper, tissue paper, wrapping paper, etc.)
- Prints (handmade stencils, gadget printing, collagraphs, block prints, etc.)
- Sculpting materials (clay, papier-mâché, etc.)
- Original digital illustration
- Photography

Submission Process

- 1) **Create** a digital image of your artwork using one of these methods:
 - Scan your artwork at 1200 dpi
 - Take a digital photograph of your artwork. Ensure that the background is well lit, and clutter free. Save your digital photo as a Hi-Res jpeg at 600 dpi
 - Use graphic software such as Adobe Illustrator, InDesign or Inkscape to create a vector or EPS file.
- 2) **Save** your digital image using your last name, school, borough and grade: Example: Reyes_PS37R_8.jpg
- 3) **Email** your digital image to DisabilityPrideParade@schools.nyc.gov by Friday, March 29, 2019.
 - In the **subject of the email** please write: DPP Contest
 - In the **body of the email** please include: Student's full name, school, age, grade, email (if applicable), teacher's full name, principal's full name and updated parent contact so we may contact finalists.

Questions: Please contact DisabilityPrideParade@schools.nyc.gov

***Please note:** Artists grant permission to the NYC Department of Education to use all or any part of their submission on the DOE website, and any related publications, including those printed, moving, audio and electronic; and all exhibitions, public displays, publications, commercial art, and advertising purposes in any media without limitation or reservation. Submissions will not be returned. Submissions that do not meet the submission guidelines will be disqualified.