



2nd Annual Visual Arts Competition

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League of Women Voters of Pullman

eARTh Art



Civics and the natural world are connected: How does this affect your future?

We think of our government as being “of the people, by the people, for the people.” But government is also for the birds, bees, bears, and beavers. They can’t vote, but their homes, families, and futures depend on what governments do or don’t do. In fact, the whole web of life is affected by decisions our elected leaders and government agencies make. We govern all the land we walk on, the air we breathe every day, and every drop of water. Decisions our local, state, tribal, and federal governments make affect every forest, every mountain, and every lake and river.

(Referenced from: 2020 League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund textbook, The State We’re In: Washington, Elementary Edition, page 138)

Purpose:

This Art Competition is for students in grades 3-12 to share their artistic talent in portraying how civics and the natural world are connected. This contest is designed to encourage understanding of and participation in government. The LWV is a nonpartisan organization, and as part of our civics education program, we want to celebrate civics in our natural world.

Eligibility:

1. Participant must be in grades 3 - 12.
2. Participant must be a resident of Whitman County.
3. Participant must fill out an entry form with a Parent/Legal Guardian signature.

Rules:

1. There will be three grade groupings: Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12.
2. Artwork must be an original piece, completed solely by the participant.
3. Art materials allowed may include but not limited to crayons, colored pencils, markers, pen and ink, pastels, paints, charcoal, collage, photography, mixed media, digital media, clay, plaster, wood, stone, cloth, cardboard, etc. No videos or images in motion.
4. 2-Dimensional artwork is not to exceed the size of 11 x 17 inches. 3-Dimensional artwork is not to exceed the size of 1 cubic foot.
5. No names, including the artist, are to appear anywhere on the artwork.
6. The entry form must be filled out completely and accompany the artwork.
7. Judges appointed by the LWVP will evaluate artwork based on creative interpretation of theme.
8. By signing the form to submit the artwork, you are granting the LWV of Pullman full rights to use artwork for website, social media, and educational purposes.

Prizes:

The best six submissions, top two in each grade grouping, will receive \$50 to spend at local businesses and a copy of the LWVWA civics textbook The State We’re In: Washington. Winners will be notified on April 15th. An artists’ reception will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2:00 p.m. at Neill Public Library in Pullman.

Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2023