



CALL FOR ARTISTS
WHAT DOES THRIVING LOOK LIKE TO YOU?

Art Exhibit in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month
March 18, 2024 – May 5, 2024
Deadline for Entry: February 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

The DC Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) in partnership with the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH) is excited to announce a special exhibition of original artwork and poetry from DC residents to promote awareness of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This exhibition will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) of 1974, which represented the United States first major legislation to address the issue of child maltreatment across the nation.

The theme for this exhibition is: *What Does Thriving Look Like To You?*

Local artists and writers of all ages are invited to submit artwork in response to this question through the following categories -

ARTIST CATEGORIES:

- Young Artists (Grades K-4) - Coloring Sheet with Prompt (download your coloring sheets here)
- Youth Artists (Grades 5-8) - Poster Competition
- Teen Artists (Grades 9-12) - Poster Competition
- Adult Artists (18 and up) - 2D and 3D artworks
- Creative Writing (All ages) - with optional audio & video recording (submit files here)

*If art supplies are needed, please reach out to Erika Groover at Erika.Groover@dc.gov for all supplies requests. Supplies will be provided on a case-by-case basis.

Eligibility and Requirements: Artists must reside in the District of Columbia to participate. For adult artists, any original 2-D and 3-D work that meets the exhibition guidelines detailed in the call for art will be considered. ***All adult artworks must be delivered ready for wall installation.*** Works of poetry will also be considered for display in the exhibit or in audio/video form to be played in the gallery.

Submission Details: All artworks should be submitted in person at 200 I Street, Washington, DC 20003 no later than **February 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** Please contact CFSA Program Specialist Erika Groover at Erika.Groover@dc.gov or 202-497-2562 to coordinate collection or your entry. Entries will also be

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accepted via CFSA staff and partners. Written and audio/video creative writing submissions can be uploaded via QR code below. An application should be submitted with all work.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES BY CATEGORY

YOUNG ARTISTS (GRADES K-4) COLORING SHEETS

Young artists grades K-4 are invited to submit coloring sheets that inspire responses to the question: What does thriving look like to you?

Coloring sheets are available for download and printing [here](#). Young artists are encouraged to submit multiple artworks for consideration and inclusion in the exhibition.

Please note: on the back of the coloring sheet is a required release form that allows CAH and CFSA to collect basic information regarding the young artist. We will use this information for gallery display purposes only.

YOUTH (GRADES 5-8) AND TEEN (GRADES 9-12) ARTIST POSTER COMPETITION

Youth and teen artists are invited to submit 11x17 inch 2-D artworks that inspire responses to the question: What does thriving look like to you? Youth and teen artists are encouraged to submit these works on posterboard, or submit scans of their artworks for reproduction via email to Erika.Groover@dc.gov

All submitted youth and teen works will be eligible for consideration in a city-wide poster competition. Winners of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will receive a certificate and their works will be circulated in future CFSA promotional materials.

ADULT (18+) SUBMISSIONS

Adult artists age 18+ are invited to submit 2-D, 3-D and audiovisual works (less than 20min in length) that inspire responses to the question: What does thriving look like to you? Submissions may include: painting, drawings, prints, photography, sketches, collage, textile, relief sculpture, etc

****Please note that all adult artworks must be delivered ready for wall installation. Reach out to Erika Groover at Erika.Groover@dc.gov if you require support on resources****

List of Prohibited Artworks and Materials:

- Artwork must not exceed seventy-two (72) inches in any direction with sculptures not to exceed 36 in height or 24 inches width or depth;
- Artworks must not be part of a site-specific installation or require ceiling hanging for display;
- The overall weight of any single wall-mounted artwork must not exceed 60 pounds; the overall weight of any sculpture that stands on a pedestal must not exceed 100 pounds Any sculpture

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must be displayable on the wall or a pedestal, covered with plexiglass. Wall sculpture may only extend six inches from the wall.

- Plant material, soil;
- Preserved insects, animals, and other organic material, including but not limited to feathers, fur, hair, wool, quills, skins, nests, cobwebs, and antlers;
- Food items, including but not limited to fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, dried beans, herbs, spices, and grains;
- Liquids, including but not limited to water, in unsealed or sealed containers;
- Requires electricity, batteries, or has lighting components;
- Materials that produce vapor, smoke, mists, and/or odors;
- Flammable, toxic, volatile, and/or explosive materials;
- Weapons or firearms;
- Live animals and/or insects.

Adult artworks will be under the care of CAH and displayed in relation to the Thriving Families exhibition. Artists will be invited to schedule a time to pick up the work after deinstallation.

CREATIVE WRITING AND AUDIOVISUAL SUBMISSIONS (all ages)

Artists of all ages are invited to submit creative writing for inclusion in the exhibition. These submissions may be hand-written, typed, or recorded, and must be submitted via [Box](#).

- Acceptable categories of creative writing forms include poetry and lyrics. Audiovisual submissions should be no more than 20 minutes
- Please complete this [release form](#) to include with your Box submission.

SUBMISSION DETAILS: All artworks should be submitted in person at 200 I (Eye) Street SE, Washington, DC 20003 no later than **February 22, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** Selection of art and poetry for the exhibition will be made by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

- **For coordinating K-12 artwork delivery,** Please contact CFSA Program Specialist Erika Groover at Erika.Groover@dc.gov or 202-497-2562. Entries will also be accepted via CFSA staff and partners.
- **For coordinating adult artwork delivery,** please contact CAH Curator Michelle May-Curry at michelle.may-curry@dc.gov
- **Submit creative writing, video, and audio submissions [here](#)**
 - For questions regarding creative writing, video, and audio submissions please contact Public Art Coordinator, Jenna Kriegel at jenna.kriegel@dc.gov

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About National Child Abuse Prevention Month: National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse

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and neglect. Through collaborations like this, CFSA proudly delivers top tier prevention services and care to protect children and support thriving families throughout our nation's capital. .

Please scan here to access Call for Artworks CAH page and entry forms.



dcarts.dc.gov/page/call-artworks-thriving-families-exhibition