

# Civic Expression Award

Presented by the  
Scholastic Art & Writing Awards 2018

In partnership with the  
Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools



**The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, in partnership with the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, presents a new award for students whose original art or writing demonstrates civic knowledge and skills: the Civic Expression Award.**

Throughout history, artists and writers have played a vital role in shaping a more just society by seeking to solve problems on behalf of the public good. The Civic Expression Award, sponsored by the Maurice R. Robinson Fund, recognizes students whose art and writing expresses a vision of the society they are working to build, one that exemplifies democratic values and that allows all voices and viewpoints to be heard and respected. Recipients will be artists or writers whose work highlights and demonstrates awareness of American civic rights and responsibilities. Six students whose work best promotes responsible civic life will each be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Learn more at [artandwriting.org/login](http://artandwriting.org/login).

## **About the Scholastic Awards**

The Scholastic Awards invite students in grades 7–12 to create and share works in 29 categories of visual and literary art. Students earn opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. The Scholastic Awards were founded in 1923 and are today the longest-running and most prestigious recognition and scholarship program for young artists and writers, with more than 330,000 submissions received in 2017.

[artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org)



## **What Is Civic Engagement?**

Civic engagement requires community members to be informed about their rights and responsibilities, to appreciate the history and fundamental processes of American democracy, to recognize and be respectful of different views, and to seek to solve problems on behalf of the public good.

## **What Is My Role as an Artist or Writer?**

As creative and original problem solvers, thinkers, and makers, artists and writers are engaged by the ideas and events that are shaping their community and their world. The art and literature they produce helps shape society's understanding of important issues. They articulate the world around them and the possibilities of what that world could become.

## **About the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools**

The Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools is a coalition of more than 70 national civic learning, education, civic engagement, and business groups committed to improving the quality and quantity of civic learning in American schools. The Campaign's goal is to increase and improve civic learning in grades K–12 by working for policies that implement the recommendations of the Civic Mission of Schools report. This includes efforts to bring about changes in national, state, and local education policy.

[civicmissionofschools.org](http://civicmissionofschools.org)

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