Civic Expression Award

Are you a creative teen in grades 7–12?
Does your work encourage engagement on political or social issues?

The Civic Expression Award offers scholarships to students whose creative works explore political or social issues.

**National Award:** $1,000

**Who:** All students in grades 7–12 (ages 13 and up) are eligible to participate.

**What:** This award is part of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation’s longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. The Awards encourage, publish, and grant scholarships to creative teens.

**Why:** Your voice can shape public understanding of political or social issues, inspiring others to act and build toward a better future together.

If you create any type of visual art or writing, we have a category for your submission!

Submissions open on September 1, 2020. Regional deadlines vary, and can be as early as December 1, 2020.

**How to Apply:**

1. **Create your work** that addresses the required theme—visit the website for potential topics and activities to get you started. [artandwriting.org/civic-expression](http://artandwriting.org/civic-expression)
2. **Prepare a personal statement** answering the following questions, in 50 words or more.
   - How does your work highlight a social or political issue or advocate for change?
   - Why is this issue important to you, and why should it be important to others?
3. **Complete the application online** by your regional deadline.

**We Evaluate Work on . . .**

- Originality
- Technical skill
- Emergence of a personal voice or vision

**Don’t Forget to . . .**

- Look up your regional deadline. [artandwriting.org/deadlines](http://artandwriting.org/deadlines)
- Find out which art or writing category best describes your work. [artandwriting.org/categories](http://artandwriting.org/categories)
- Opt in to the Civic Expression Award at the end of your application to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and enter your personal statement.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. Learn more at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org)