

HARTFORD CREATIVE CONTEST

ART
ESSAY
POETRY

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***AND MANY MORE**

- When did you realize climate change was a problem, not just for the world, but for you personally?
- What does fairness and equality mean to you?
- How would you like to make a difference in your community or in the wider world?

FREE ENTRY!

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY
MARCH 7, 2025

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OPEN TO ALL HARTFORD STUDENTS
GRADES 4 - 12

WWW.HARTFORDCONTEST.COM



PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY

Open to ALL Hartford residents in grades 4 through 12, AND all non-Hartford residents that attend a Hartford school in grades 4 through 12

PROMPTS

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SUBMISSIONS

- All submissions, including art, must be submitted electronically via the online submission form on **www.HartfordContest.com** (under the submission tab). All form fields are required, and an electronic copy of your work **MUST** be included in the attachment field for your submission to be accepted.
- Artwork submissions **MUST** include 2 attachments : a JPEG of the work, and a paragraph explaining how the art relates to one of the prompts.
- All submitted work **MUST** be original work, created completely by you. We run all submissions through an AI detection program, and will ban any student discovered to have used Artificial Intelligence from the contest.

GUIDELINES

Submissions must be in the form of an essay, poem, or visual artwork. All entries must relate to one of the prompts listed and follow the following guidelines:

- Essays:** Must be TYPED on standard 8.5" X 11" paper. Minimum = 400 words. Maximum = 1,200 words.
- Poetry:** Must be TYPED on standard 8.5" X 11" paper. No longer than 2 pages, typed.
- Artwork:** Must be on paper or canvas NO LARGER than 18" X 24". Upon submission of a copy, the Hartford location for delivery of artwork will be provided. ALL ARTWORK MUST INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH EXPLAINING HOW IT RELATES TO THE PROMPT

JUDGING & AWARDS

All work will be evaluated based on content, creativity, originality, and relation to the prompt. Entries in each category of essays, poetry and artwork will be divided into 3 grade-based sub-categories: grades 4-6, grades 7-9 and grades 10-12. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards given in each category. There will be an awards ceremony hosted at the Mark Twain House in mid-May. The exact date and time will be announced after the submission deadline.

