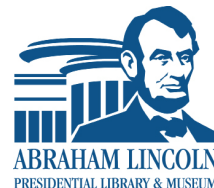




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**ART  
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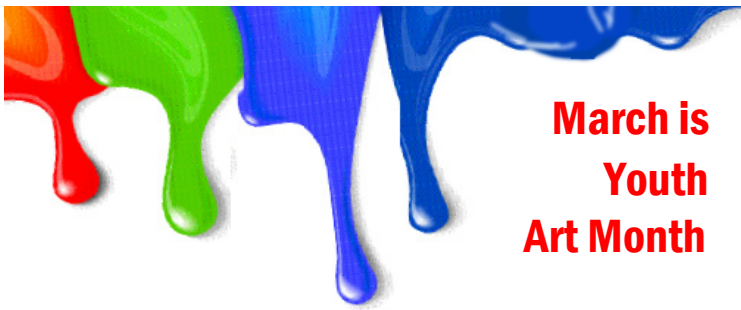
**LEADERSHIP IS AN ART**

**FOR CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM, SEE BACK PAGE  
OR DOWNLOAD FROM ANY OF THESE INTERNET SITES**

**Illinois State Board of Education: [www.isbe.net/artcontest](http://www.isbe.net/artcontest)  
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum: [bit.ly/ALPLMart2020](http://bit.ly/ALPLMart2020)  
Illinois Art Education Association: [www.ilaea.org](http://www.ilaea.org)**

**ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019**

**SEND ENTRIES TO:** ART CONTEST/Staci Hardin  
Illinois State Board of Education  
College and Career Readiness, C-215  
100 North First Street  
Springfield, IL 62777-0001



## March is Youth Art Month

The 38th annual Illinois Arts Education Week will be March 16-22, 2020. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) will partner for this year's contest in cooperation with the Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA). This exciting collaboration will create more visibility for young Illinois artists and their talent. The art contest reinforces the importance of the arts in the growth and development of all students.

PLEASE NOTE CONTEST CATEGORIES: Elementary (K-5), Middle (6-8), and High School (9-12). The judges will select a winner and five runners-up in each category. All 18 winners will have their artwork displayed in the ALPLM for one year. The ALPLM will recognize the winners on February 12, 2020. Museum entry is free on this day as it is Abraham Lincoln's birthday. All are welcome to attend!

One poster winner will be chosen by the judges from the three winners and featured on a poster to celebrate the arts during Illinois Arts Education Week. This winner will also be recognized at an ISBE Board meeting and a framed poster will be displayed in the Board office. The winners will also be recognized at the 2020 IAEA Fall Conference.

Questions: (217) 524-4832, ISBE or (217) 782-2981, ALPLM or email arts@isbe.net or Abigail.Cline@illinois.gov.

## ART CONNECTS HISTORY WITH THE FUTURE!

The art contest entries must meet the following criteria:

- Any Illinois student, grades K-12, public/private/home schooled is eligible to enter.
- **ARTWORK MUST BE 11" X 14" AND VERTICAL FORMAT.**
- Artwork must be 2-D and must be flat, NOT FOLDED. Please do not use chalk, glitter, or laminated items. If pencil is used, make sure it's dark enough to be reproduced. If entering photography or electronically created images, submit only a printed version for judging.
- All art must be the student's original work, not taken from another source. Do not use copyrighted images.
- No limit on colors used or number of entries per school.
- Please submit hard copy (actual artwork or print) to the address provided. For original artwork to be returned after the contest, please also include a self addressed envelope with the appropriate postage.
- Students must complete and securely attach the Authorization Form on the back of their entry.
- Theme for this year is LEADERSHIP IS AN ART! The imagery should reflect the theme, plus represent all five art areas (dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts). Text is not necessary as the title/theme will be professionally typeset.
- Students should write a brief statement of how the theme relates to their entry on the back of their artwork.
- If the artwork is abstract, please mark the TOP with an "X" on the back.

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 MON., DEC. 2, 2019**

*(Please indicate # of entries sent with return address)*

### 2020 AUTHORIZATION FORM

I hereby authorize the Illinois State Board of Education, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, and the Illinois Art Education Association to use the artwork of the student named below for the 2020 Art Contest. I also affirm that this artwork is original and NOT taken from another source.

Student Name (please print)		Student Age	Student Grade Level
Parent/Guardian Name* (please print)		Parent/Guardian Signature	
Home Phone	Date	Student Signature	
Home Address		City/State/ZIP/County	
School & District or Organization		Principal or Organization Representative*	
Art Teacher		Email of Art Teacher	

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**Include a self addressed, postage paid envelope to have original returned.**