

# SURVIVAL

THROUGH SELF-EXPRESSION



## ART CONTEST

ANY ILLINOIS K-12 STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER  
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

FOR RULES AND INFORMATION VISIT:  
[bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest](https://bit.ly/ALPLM-ArtContest) OR [ISBE.net/artcontest](https://ISBE.net/artcontest)



Illinois  
State Board of  
Education



The 40th annual Illinois Arts Education Week is March 14-18, 2022. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) have collaborated to create more visibility for young Illinois artists and showcase their talent, as well as reinforcing the importance of the arts in the growth and development of our students.

**The theme for the 2022 contest is:  
Survival Through Self-Expression**

The contest includes four entry levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. A panel of judges will select a winner and two runners-up in each entry level. All winners and runners-up will have their work displayed by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum from February 12-March 18, 2022. The student whose work is chosen as "Best in Show" will be featured on a poster to celebrate Illinois Arts Education week. They will also be recognized at an ISBE Board Meeting, and their framed work will be displayed in the Board office.

**Mail entries to:**

Arts Contest  
Student Care  
100 North First Street, E-222  
Springfield, IL 62777

*Please indicate number of entries sent with return address.*

**Questions**

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**Contest Rules**

- Your work must reflect or interpret the theme "Survival Through Self-Expression." You are not required to incorporate the words of the theme into the work, just the concept.
- Only Illinois students, in grades K-12 at a public, private, alternative, or home school, may enter the contest.
- All art must be your original work and not include copyrighted images.
- Do not use glitter; entries that use glitter will not be accepted for judging.
- If you choose to use chalk or pencil, please make sure your work is able to be reproduced and encase it in a sleeve to prevent smearing when mailed.
- If your artwork is abstract, please mark the TOP with an "X" on the back.
- A work that was submitted to the contest in previous years may not be resubmitted.
- There is no limit on the number of entries per school; however, each student may only submit one entry.
- You must submit a hard copy of your work to the address provided. This includes original artwork or a printed copy of a photograph or digitally created image.
- All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 17, 2021.

**Don't Forget...**

- Include a self-addressed envelope with the appropriate postage, if you want your original artwork to be returned.
- Artwork must be no larger than 11" x 14" inches, 2-Dimensional, and flat (not folded). Folded entries will not be judged.
- Fully complete and securely attach the Authorization Form on the back of your entry. If you are home schooled, please put "Home School" for your district and "N/A" for the principal.
- Include a brief, written statement on the back of your entry that describes how the theme relates to your creation.

**2022 Authorization Form**

I hereby authorize the Illinois State Board of Education and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum to use the artwork of the student named below for the 2022 Art Contest. I also affirm that this artwork is original and NOT taken from another source, in part or in whole.

Student name (please print)		Student age	Student grade level
Parent/Guardian name (please print)		Parent/Guardian signature	
Phone	Date	Student signature	
Home address		City/State/Zip/County	
School & District or Organization	School phone	Principal or Organization Representative	
Art teacher		Email of Art teacher	