



# Student Art Contest: The Future of Democracy

**Make your voice heard to  
educators around the country!**



Enter to showcase your creativity and your voice through our Student Art Contest.

The top 20 submissions voted on by our judging panel of community organizers, teachers, and artists will be displayed at the 2024 National Charter Schools Conference in Boston, MA, June 30-July 3. In addition the top 3 submissions will receive cash prizes!

## How to Enter

**Creatively answer the contest prompt through visual art, poetry, or video.**

**In your submission, be sure to include:**

1. The submission to display
2. An explanation of your thinking behind your submission
3. An answer to this question: If you were asked to deliver a speech to Congress on how to preserve and protect democracy, what would you say?



Contest Prompt:  
**What does the future of  
American Democracy  
look like?**

## Prizes

**1st Place**

\$1000 cash prize

**2nd Place**

\$500

**3rd place**

\$250

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**02/01/2023-03/15/2023**

To Submit, scan the QR Code  
and fill out the form.



**This contest is open to all middle and high school students!**

## The Details:

### Democracy, Independence, and Boston

Boston is often viewed as an example of American independence. The city was founded in 1630 and by 1635 had established Boston Latin School, the first public school in British America. A year later, Harvard was established as the first university in America. During the American Revolution, independence was pronounced in events like the Boston Massacre (1770), the Boston Tea Party (1773), The Battle of Bunker Hill (1775), and the Siege of Boston (1776). In the 19th century, Boston became a beacon of independence through the abolition movement, headquartering Abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator* and becoming a safe haven for the men and women who emancipated themselves and escaped slavery. As you creatively answer the contest question, **What does the future of American Democracy look like?** consider this history.

### Submission Guidelines

**Visual Art:** Art can be hand drawn, painted, or done digitally. Size should be no more than 11x14 inches.

**Poetry:** Poem must fit on a single side paper no larger than 11x14 inches.

**Video:** Total time of video must not exceed 3 minutes.

### Teacher Information

**Lesson Plan:** Tie this contest to the social studies classroom with this lesson plan!

**Webinar:** An overview of the contest and Q+A will be hosted by Thinking Nation on February 5, 2024 at 4:30 CST. Sign up here.



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