



Arts * Fashion * Culture Fashion as Solutions for 21st Century Life Challenges and Pitfalls
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Creative Empowerment Arts Contest

Eligible Contest Participants

All Long Island Area 8th Grade and High School Students

THEME: 21st Century Life: Our Hopes * Our Dreams * Our Fears * Our Solutions

Due to popular request, we are opening this contest to 8th grade students who will join 9th through 12th grade students to creatively express their thoughts on life in the 21st Century.

“In light of the current racial and political climate which has resulted in demonstrations, serious conversations and even divisiveness in some quarters, the time has come for our youth to chime in and be a part of the solution. They are not that young!” -Madona Cole-Lacy-

Questions to Consider

What is my reaction to this struggle? How did things escalate to this point? What can I do as a contribution to change things? What role can my family, school and community play in remedying this situation?

Contest Categories

Visual Art * Mixed-Media Arts * Literary Arts * Performing Arts * Multi-Media

Visual Arts Drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, craft, photography. All entries must have dimensions no larger than 12” x 18” which must be photographed prior to upload. To prepare your original work created for this contest for delivery and display, please mount on 22”x28” white or black foam core board. Keep in a safe place until you receive instructions for delivery.

LITERARY ARTS

Demonstrate your creative genius by composing a poem or write an essay of no more than 500 words that is focused on the contest theme. Essays of no more than 500 words must be double-spaced typed. Pages must be single-sided with the student's name appearing on the back sheet.

MULTIMEDIA ARTS

This is a great opportunity to use your ability to create animated images or special effects to make your point. Use your imagination and multi media tools to create and submit your expressions electronically. A presentation that contains but not limited to, an original song, skit, video, or photo montage.

Submissions must not exceed 5 minutes in total length.

Submissions that malfunction or do not meet the time requirements will be disqualified. All electronic files must be uploaded at <http://www.yourtime4liny.org>

Copyrighted materials (such as a song in the background of your video) cannot be used unless you have written permission to do so.

MIXED MEDIA

Make your creative empowerment statement by using a wide range of techniques and materials to develop your artwork. Don't be too conservative with the introduction of paint, newspaper, cut paper, pastel, fabric, photographs, computer printouts, newspaper articles etc., to make your statement.

PERFORMING ARTS

You might be one whose message is more effective through the Performing arts. Use your voice or body to convey your artistic expression. Entries can include vocal, dance, drama and instrumental performances. All submitted materials must be the original creation of the contestants.

Video, audio and other files must be uploaded at

<http://www.yourtime4liny.org>.

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges who are professional in the arts and related fields. Judging and Selection of winners will be based on the following criteria: artistic merit * creativity * communication of the Contest theme * appropriateness of supporting artist statement, and whether the submission adheres to our Rules. Decisions of the judges are final and binding. Submissions not created exclusively for **Your Time For Creative Empowerment Arts Contest** that are not available for delivery to the organization prior to judging will not be considered.

ATTENTION ALL CONTESTANTS

REQUEST FOR ARTFORM DESCRIPTION

In addition to expressing yourself in the arts form of your choice, please be prepared to write a brief paragraph explaining the process you used, and the thoughts behind your expression when you upload the file of your entry. You may also email your entry to info@yourtime4liny.org for good measure.

All CONTESTANTS

- will be invited to present their entries and participate in our yearly Community Networking Soiree.
- will receive awards, complimentary prizes and media exposure in recognition of their participation in the contest.
- will be eligible for leadership workshop opportunities.

WINNERS

- One winner will be selected from each grade level. Winners from grades 8, 9, and 10 will receive a \$350.00 Creative Empowerment Leadership Grant to set up and run a leadership group in their school or community. A formal proposal outlining details must be submitted.
- Winners from grades 11, 12 and current college-bound graduates will receive 1000.00 college scholarship made payable to the institution of higher learning they will attend after high school.
- All winners will also receive a Creative Empowerment Award for 8-12 Grade Students, and will be the featured Creative Empowerment Expressionists at our Scholarship and Fundraising Gala.
- Winners will be profiled in our online chronicle and our website.
- The creative expression of all contestants will also be featured online.

