



## Fine Art Contest Rules

1. The art entry must:
  - a. Depict the student's interpretation of the theme, **“When does human life begin?”** The contest promotes the celebration and dignity of life, fine art, and personal artistic creativity and talent.
  - b. Be an original work of fine art in any of the following **2D** media/formats:
    - i. Colored Drawing: Colored pencil, pastels, crayon, conte, chalks, lead pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, oil pastel, watercolor, ink washes, acrylics, tempera, designer colors, gouache, inks and dyes.
    - ii. Mixed Medium: The use of any mixture of two or more mediums, for example, watercolor with pencil or pen and ink with watercolor.
  - c. Have physical size no larger than 18”x 24” (mat or frame not included).
  - d. Must be created within the last two years and not previously submitted to any art contests with LifeFirst.
  - e. Contain no copyrighted material; see below.
  - f. Contain no threatening, offensive, or abusive words or art.
  - g. Show a title on art photo but do not show artist's name. No words on painting or drawing.
  - h. Have a maximum image file size of no more than 2 MB.
2. Only one (1) entry allowed per eligible participant during the Contest Period.  
**Contest Period: November 1, 2020 through March 1, 2021.**
3. Student must be currently enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and a resident Montgomery, Harris, Fort Bend, Grimes, Walker, Liberty, Waller, Austin, San Jacinto, Brazoria, Lavaca or Galveston county.
4. A teacher or parent/legal guardian who is over eighteen (18) years of age must provide parental consent for student to enter the contest.

5. Artwork and online registration must be submitted by **March 1, 2021**. Register at [www.lifefirst.org](http://www.lifefirst.org) by clicking on “Student Activities” tab in the navigation bar and then click “Fine Art Contest” and “Registration.”
6. Submit digital photo file of your art using file type .jpg. Name your file using this protocol: 2020-art title.jpg (ex. 2020-In His Image.jpg). Email file to [fineartcontest@lifefirst.org](mailto:fineartcontest@lifefirst.org) by March 1, 2021.
7. Art will be judged based on the following criteria:
  - a. Originality - Is the concept or idea original? Is it the student’s own work and/or does the work show composition from multiple sources? Does it appeal to a wide-ranging audience?
  - b. Adherence to the theme - Does the piece address the question of *When does human life begin?*
  - c. Creativity - Does the piece of art show the student’s imagination? Is the subject matter unique? Is the interpretation innovative?
  - d. Skill and excellence in drawing (2D only) - What extent of accuracy has the student achieved? How difficult is the chosen media? How well does the student draw and use color, hues, shading and texture?
8. The LifeFirst Fine Art Contest has two divisions: Junior High and Senior High.

**Junior High Awards: 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

- a. One Best of Show award \$300.
- b. Second Place award \$200.
- c. 5 Merit awards of \$25 each

**Senior High Awards: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade**

- d. One Best of Show award \$1,000.
- e. Second Place award \$500.
- f. 5 Merit awards of \$50 each

9. Acceptance:

Students who win an award will be notified via email by March 20, 2021. The top two works of art for junior high and high school, Best of Show and Second Place, may be exhibited at the LifeFirst Dinner for Life banquet. Artwork must be delivered to LifeFirst, as explained below. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Winners will receive cash awards once the art is delivered. Best of Show and Second Place art pieces will become the property of LifeFirst and will not be returned.

Merit Award winners grant permission to LifeFirst to display images of their entries via the LifeFirst website and other channels. Also, LifeFirst may display photos of top award students next to their artwork.

10. Delivery of Artwork:

Best of Show and Second Place winners' exhibits must be framed and hand-delivered or mailed to LifeFirst, 36102 Post Oak Circle, Magnolia, TX 77355 before the LifeFirst Dinner for Life. The participant is responsible for shipment costs if not hand delivered. LifeFirst is not responsible for any loss or damage in shipping or during exhibition.

11. Ineligibility and Artwork Restrictions:

Any subject matter that, in the sole judgment of LifeFirst, is highly controversial or may detract from the general character of the contest is prohibited (e.g., items, symbols, or themes that may represent racism, prejudice, profanity, satanic or violent art, nudity, and inappropriate or suggestive clothing). However, depicting a baby in or out of the womb or any state of life in the womb in a tasteful manner is appropriate. Artwork that is found to be in non-compliance of all contest rules above will be disqualified.

12. A panel of jurors, artists selected by the administrator of the LifeFirst Fine Art Contest, will judge the art exhibits using the criteria listed above.

13. Email [fineartcontest@lifefirst.org](mailto:fineartcontest@lifefirst.org) for further details or questions.