



NJEA'S SOCIAL JUSTICE ART CONTEST

At the 2017 NJEA Convention, one of the featured educational pieces will be a brand new social justice exhibit called "The Awakening." As described in the **NJEA Review**:

"Convention attendees will have an opportunity to engage in a multisensory learning experience through a walking tour called The Awakening. Multiple paths will take participants on a journey through information and visual displays that reveal stories of students' journeys through life. Options attendees choose along the pathways will change the outcome of these stories. The experience seeks to deepen understanding of the impact of educators on students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and immigrant students at every level of education. Informative and moving displays will include student art that represents the theme of each path on the journey."

That final sentence is where you and your students come in! The student art that represents the impact of educators on students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and immigrant students will be the centerpiece of "The Awakening."

The "Through Our Eyes" art contest will have middle and high school students across New Jersey illustrating, in their chosen medium, the experience of students of color, LGBTQ+ students, and immigrant students. Students may choose to illustrate any of the nine provided scenarios from the perspective of the student in the situation, or that of another student onlooker.

For specs regarding artwork, scenario details, deadlines, and prizes, please see the attached paperwork.

For any questions, please contact NJEA Organizational Development Consultant, Jaime Valente, at jvalente@njea.org



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Artwork Specifications

- All artwork must be between 9" x 12" and 11" x 14"
- Artwork must be 2-D in nature. No 3-D artwork will be accepted.
- Art may employ traditional media, digital media, or photography.
- Artwork must be correctly labeled with the requested information.
- A label template has been provided and should be completed and affixed to EACH piece.

Contest Specifications

- All artwork must be completed entirely by the student.
- No student may submit more than one piece of artwork.
- Artwork can only be submitted through a dues-paying NJEA member.
- Each local association may submit up to 10 pieces of artwork in both the middle school and high school categories.
- **All entries must be accompanied by a completed parent permission form (see attached page 3)**
- **All work must be submitted to NJEA Headquarters or your regional office by 5pm on Oct. 6, 2017.**
- Artwork chosen for the exhibit will become the property of the NJEA.

Judging

- All judging will be completed by a blind panel of 10 educators from diverse fields, including a minimum of five arts professionals.
- Judging will be completed on the evening of Oct. 11, 2017 at NJEA Headquarters.
- Selected artists will be notified the week of Oct. 16, 2017.

Prizes

- Prizes listed below will be awarded in both the middle school and high school divisions:
 - ★ First Place: \$150
 - ★ Second Place: \$100
 - ★ Third Place: \$50
 - ★ Fourth through Tenth Place: Honorable Mention
 - ★ Top 10 pieces of artwork published in an issue of the **NJEA**

■ **Attention Art Teachers, please use this BACK LABEL for all NJEA Sponsored Exhibits**

Review

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your child's artwork has been selected to be exhibited in an exhibit sponsored by the New Jersey Education Association. NJEA is committed to protecting the privacy and safety of all students. With this in mind, NJEA would also like to seek your permission to (1) exhibit the work and (2) possibly publish the work on **njea.org** and in the **NJEA Review**, our monthly magazine.

The artwork will be exhibited at the NJEA Convention in Atlantic City from Nov. 8-11.

With your permission, the artwork may be published on the NJEA website at **njea.org** and also published in the **NJEA Review**.

Answer questions 1 & 2, fill out the form below, and return it to your child's art teacher.

YES, I do NO, I do not:

Give permission for my child's artwork to be exhibited at the NJEA Convention

YES, I do NO, I do not:

Give permission for my child's artwork to be published. I understand the student artwork will be identified by first name and school only. NO LAST NAME will be used.

I understand that the New Jersey Education Association is not responsible or liable for any claim, damages, lost items/artwork, injuries and other liabilities of any kind that may arise from participation in this art exhibit. I also understand that NJEA reserves the right to refuse to include any work improperly prepared to hang, work of the incorrect size or work received after the due dates set by NJEA.

Parent/Guardian Signature. _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Student's Name (please print) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Parent Email _____

Art Teacher _____ Email _____

School _____

Local Association _____

School Address _____

School Phone _____ Teacher Cell Phone _____



All exhibiting art teachers must be members of NJEA. Exhibit of student artwork is a public event and photos/video may be taken. These photos may be published to NJEA publications.