

Children's and Adults' Mental Health Awareness

CREATIVE ARTS CONTEST



"Untitled" by Marcell O., 2nd Place, High School Original Artwork (2018)

ENTER BY

MARCH 11, 2019

ENTRY CATEGORIES

Original Artwork · Writing · Photography

WHO CAN ENTER

Texas Elementary, Middle & High School Students and Adults



Learn more & submit art: gallery.txsystemofcare.org

This contest is held by Texas System of Care, Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health at the University of Texas at Austin, and Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

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THEME

Why Does Mental Health Matter to You?

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Original Artwork

- ❑ Must be an original artwork that combines drawing, pictures (and words if you wish) to express the contest theme.
- ❑ Materials used may include pencil, ink, charcoal, crayon, markers, pastel, paint, mixed media, collage, graphic design or similar 2D media.
- ❑ Must be no larger than 11" x 17".

Writing

- ❑ Must be a story, essay or poem based on the contest theme and no longer than 300 words.
- ❑ Must be typed or, if handwritten, must be legible.
- ❑ Ask an adult to review spelling and grammar for errors prior to submission.

Photography

- ❑ Photos cannot show a person's face.
- ❑ Please submit your photo in a high-resolution format.

HOW TO ENTER

Individual Entry

- Use our **online entry form** at: gallery.txsystemofcare.org/submit/#individual-entry

NOTE An artist may submit multiple entries.

NOTE Artists under 18 years old require parent or guardian consent to enter. If you're an **adult** submitting on behalf of an artist under 18 and **are not** a parent or guardian, follow the instructions for **GROUP ENTRIES**.

Group Entries

- Download our **PDF entry form** (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)) and have one completed for each artist.

NOTE If an artist under 18 would like his or her entry displayed or published for state use, a parent or guardian must sign the consent form to allow use of the participant's work.

- Follow instructions to upload the entries at: gallery.txsystemofcare.org/submit/#group-entries

For questions or accommodations, contact info@txsystemofcare.org

JUDGING Judging is based on originality, creativity and how well your entry expresses the contest theme. A team of judges will select the top submissions for each category and grade level. Entries, once submitted, become the property of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and Texas System of Care, and may be used for the purpose of promoting awareness of children's mental health issues. Entries may be posted to the HHSC and Texas System of Care websites and used in promotional materials.

PRIZES Winners in each age group and category will receive special prizes and have their work recognized in a public gallery at the Texas State Capitol during the month of May. Winning submissions will also be published on contest holders' official websites.