



## 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. Show no words, title, or name on artwork. Automatic disqualification will result if words are visible on the artwork. Please refrain from signing your artwork until after it has been submitted to the contest.
  - e. Must be created within the last two years and not previously submitted to any art contests with LifeFirst.
  - f. Contain no copyrighted material; see below.
  - g. Contain no threatening, offensive, or abusive words or art.
  - 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 from **September 1, 2026 – March 22, 2027**.
3. Student must be currently enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades and reside in the United States.
4. A teacher or parent/legal guardian who is over eighteen (18) years of age must provide parental consent for a student to enter the contest.
5. Register for contest and submit artwork by March 22, 2027 at [lifefirst.org/fine-art-contest/](https://lifefirst.org/fine-art-contest/).

6. 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?
7. The LifeFirst Fine Art Contest has two divisions: Junior High and Senior High.

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

One Best of Show award \$1,000  
Second Place award \$500  
5 Merit awards of \$50 each

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

One Best of Show award \$300  
Second Place award \$200  
5 Merit awards of \$25 each

Winners may compete in the LifeFirst Fine Art Contest in subsequent years but may only win FIRST place two times in each division.

8. Acceptance:

Students who win an award will be notified via email. The top two works of art in the Sr. High division, 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. 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. LifeFirst also retains the right to reproduce the artwork.

All winners in the Jr. High division and Sr. High 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.

9. Delivery of Artwork:

The Best of Show and Second Place winning exhibits in the Sr. High division must be framed and hand-delivered or mailed to LifeFirst prior to 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.

10. 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 any contest rule above will be disqualified.

11. 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.
12. Email [fineartcontest@lifefirst.org](mailto:fineartcontest@lifefirst.org) for further details or questions.