

Expressions:

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Art & Poetry Juried Contest

In honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February), we are thrilled to announce our second annual "Expressions: Teen Dating Violence Awareness Art & Poetry Juried Contest". This event is an opportunity for teens to express their thoughts and feelings on the significant issue of teen dating violence through the creative mediums of art and poetry.

This contest aims to raise awareness about teen dating violence, promote healthy relationships, and inspire thoughtful conversation within our community. We encourage teens to share their perspectives, experiences, hopes, and visions for a world free from dating violence.



Who can participate?

Teens (13 – 19 years old) in Richland County, Ohio.

When & Where?

The event will begin at 6pm on Thursday February 6, 2025, in Eisenhower Memorial Center, located on The Ohio State University Mansfield Campus. (1660 University Drive Mansfield, Ohio 44907)

Contest Categories:

Art (Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Collage, Photography, Digital Art, Etc.)

Poetry (Word limit: 500)

IF STUDENTS NEED ASSISTANCE GETTING ART MATERIALS TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE EMAIL AHESS@THEDVSHELTER.COM OR CALL (419) 961-7522.

Registration:

Students can register to participate online at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/GWxxsQjSzt>

Submission Guidelines:

Artwork must be submitted between **January 20, 2025, and January 31, 2025.**

Art Contest Entry Form and Liability & Permission Agreement **MUST** be submitted with artwork.

- Online submissions: Email to ahess@thedvshelter.com
- In-person submissions: Please call (419) 961-7522 or email ahess@thedvshelter.com to schedule an in-person drop-off.

Awards:

Our panel of esteemed judges will select winners in art categories based on Response to Theme; Creativity & Originality; Quality of Artistic Composition & Design; Impact; and Use of Medium, and the poetry category based on Response to Theme; Creativity & Originality; Language Use & Vocabulary; Structural Coherence; Emotional Impact; and Word Limit.

All students will receive a certificate of achievement and have their work showcased at our annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness Exhibition. Six prize winners will receive \$250 gift cards!

Art Competition Judging Criteria:

1 = Satisfactory

2 = Good

3 = Exceptional

4 = Exemplary

Category	Score (1-4)
Response to Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none">The artwork must clearly and powerfully communicate the issue of teen dating violence. It can depict the problem, consequences, prevention, or healing associated with it.	
Creativity & Originality <ul style="list-style-type: none">The artwork should demonstrate unique and original thought. It should not be a copy or modification of someone else's work.	
Quality of Artist Composition & Design <ul style="list-style-type: none">The technical skill in the chosen medium should be evident. This includes balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, pattern, rhythm, unity, and variety.	
Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">The artwork should evoke an emotional response or provoke thought about teen dating violence.	
Use of Medium <ul style="list-style-type: none">The effective and innovative use of the chosen medium (painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, digital art, etc.) in the creation of the artwork.	
Total Score:	

Poetry Competition Judging Criteria:

1 = Satisfactory

2 = Good

3 = Exceptional

4 = Exemplary

Category	Score (1-4)
<p>Response to Theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poem must clearly and powerfully communicate the issue of teen dating violence. It can explore the problem, consequences, prevention, or healing associated with it. 	
<p>Creativity & Originality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poem should demonstrate unique and original thought. It should not be a copy or modification of someone else's work. 	
<p>Language Use & Vocabulary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poem should demonstrate a strong command of language, with effective use of vocabulary to convey meaning. 	
<p>Structural Coherence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poem should have a clear structure and flow that enhances its message and impact. 	
<p>Emotional Impact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poem should evoke an emotional response or provoke thought about teen dating violence. 	
<p>Word Limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The poem must adhere to the word limit of 500 words. 	
<p>Total Score:</p>	

Liability & Permission Agreement for Student Art Show

This agreement is entered into by and between the participant ("Student")/ Parent/Guardian, and THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER, INC ("Shelter").

Permission to Use: The Student and Parent/Guardian hereby grants the Shelter, its agents, representatives, and employees the right to use their name in the description of the work and to use its image, digital format, or voice for promotional efforts in perpetuity. This includes, but is not limited to, print media, online platforms, social media, promotional videos, and any other marketing channels utilized by the Shelter.

Artwork Display and Collection: The artwork will be displayed for a period of one month following the opening night reception. The Student agrees to pick up their artwork within one week of the end of the show. Any art pieces not picked up within this timeframe will be considered as donated to the Shelter.

Liability: The Shelter will take reasonable care to ensure the safety and integrity of the artwork while on display. However, the Shelter, its staff, volunteers, and affiliates will not be held liable for any damage, loss, theft, or destruction of the artwork for any reason. The Student and Parent/Guardian agree to bear sole responsibility for insuring their artwork.

By participating in the Student Art Show, the Student acknowledges and agrees to the terms outlined in this agreement.

This agreement is binding upon the Student, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors and assigns.

By signing below, the Student indicates their understanding and acceptance of these terms.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have questions or need assistance, please email ahess@thedvshelter.com or call (419) 961-7522.