

“Welcome Home” Youth Art Contest 2014

Create a work of visual art that welcomes home men and women from military service.

What Is It?

- A countywide art contest for K-12 students presented by the Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) in conjunction with the “War Comes Home” Cal Humanities Grant and sponsored Fresno County Federal Credit Union (FCFCU).

Why War Comes Home?

- War Comes Home will create opportunities and stimulate discussions across California about the impact of war and how it feels to be a returning veteran. This will give students the opportunity to learn about U.S. history and government.
- FCPL hopes that this contest will bring communities together with veterans and their families, students, writers, and historians to welcome our veterans home.
- Information is also available at: <http://www.fresnolibrary.org/events/warart2014/>

When & Where Are Entries Due?

- From September 15-October 20, artwork may be submitted to any branch of the Fresno County Public Library or any Fresno County Federal Credit Union location. Please check the library’s and FCFCU open hours in advance.
- All libraries are closed Monday, October 13th.

Divisions & Prizes

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in four grade divisions: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12.
- First place winners in all divisions will receive a \$75 gift card and a certificate; second place winners in all divisions will receive a \$50 gift card and a certificate; and third place winners in all divisions will receive a \$25 gift card and a certificate.
- Honorable mentions will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements.
- All entries will be displayed at Library Branches and/or the Fresno County Federal Credit Union in November and awards will be given out on November 8, 2014 during Library Veterans Day celebrations from 11am-1pm at all Library branches.
- Winners will be notified before November 8. All submitted artwork will be displayed throughout the month of November.

Who Can Participate?

- Any student attending public, private, or home schools in grades K-12.

What Are the Submission Guidelines?

- An entry form must be attached to each work of art. Additional entry forms are available to download from the website listed below.
- Any visual art medium is acceptable, including: pencil, paint, pastels, charcoals, photography and digital art.
- Works must be of the student's own creation and may not contain copyrighted material.
- One submission per person or class, although a series of pieces may be considered as a whole, (e.g. a class submission).
- A photo release form must be attached to any photograph that includes living individuals.
- Content of artwork must be appropriate for display in schools, libraries and the FCFCU.
- All submitted artwork will be uploaded to a Fresno County Public Library Facebook album.

Who Will Be Judging Artwork and On What Criteria?

- Local artists, educators, and librarians will be meeting in late October to select the winners.
- Works of art will be judged on content, originality, planning, and overall impression.

When Will Artwork Be Returned?

- Artists who elected to have their artwork returned will be able to pick it up from their branch drop-off location from December 1-7.

Contest Questions

- Please contact Kari Johnson at (559) 600-6251 or kari.johnson@fresnolibrary.org during business hours (Monday-Friday) for all contest queries. Email contact information, along with downloadable forms and an email interest list, are available online at:

Thank you for participating in this contest!