



Black Liberation Art Contest

Background:

The Potocsnak Family Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine promotes Lurie Children's Hospital's mission of being dedicated to the health and well-being of children and adolescents through our commitment to providing comprehensive services for youth – especially those experiencing health disparities such as LGBTQ+ youth and youth of color. Keeping in mind the national conversations catalyzed by the protests centering the Black Lives Matter movement, the Adolescent Medicine Division agrees that one way to center the participation of the community we aim to serve is to invite artistic contributions into our physical space by way of an art contest. Therefore, the Division is hosting the *Black Liberation Art Contest* which will support and install three pieces of artwork on the themes of racial justice and Black liberation in our physical space at 1440 N. Dayton St in Chicago, IL.

Eligibility:

We are seeking to have three art pieces created by local artists that center the Black Lives Matter movement, Black joy, and Black liberation from artists of all ages in the Chicagoland area. Priority will be given to Black youth artists.

Preparing A Submission:

Please submit your entries using our online portal bit.ly/lurieartcontest. Only one entry per person.

We ask interested individuals to submit a sketch or a picture of their piece with a brief description and an artist's bio. Written materials need not be longer than 3-5 sentences each.

Full pieces may not be smaller than 18" x 24" and may not be bigger than 90" x 60".

Prizes:

A professional artist from the community will support in reviewing the submissions and up to three selected artists will receive \$600 in prize money in addition to a \$100 gift card from our sponsor *Blick* to off-set the costs of creating the full piece.

Winners will be asked to sign a consent form, giving us permission to have their work displayed in our building.

We will hold a virtual un-veiling ceremony in Spring for the Division's staff and faculty. We would love to have the winners be present for this ceremony, however it will not be required.

FAQ:

Can I submit multiple entries?

We request each person submit one entry only.

Who will see my piece?

The selected art pieces will be hung up in highly trafficked areas by people of all ages and backgrounds at the Lurie Children's Dayton Outpatient Center.

Are there any limitations to the content?

We ask that the artwork specifically center the Black Lives Matter movement, Black liberation and joy. Please refrain from depictions of violence, profanity and substance use.

Is there an age limit for who can submit a piece?

Nope. We welcome pieces from artists of all ages! Priority will be given to youth, especially Black youth.

When will I know if I have been selected?

Once submissions close, we anticipate about one to two weeks to reach a decision. You will be informed over e-mail by our team of the outcome of your entry.

What happens if I am selected?

Our team will reach out to coordinate pick-up, prize money and gift card, and participation in an unveiling ceremony.

Contact Information:

Have questions? Please contact Saleha Salaam (she/her) at SSalam@luriechildrens.org.