

House of Ruth's 8th Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness Poster Contest 2022

Dear Participant,

House of Ruth is pleased to announce its 8th Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness Through Art Poster Contest for Jr. High and High School students in San Bernardino and Los Angeles County.

February is National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month and House of Ruth is inviting you to participate! Students may choose to raise awareness by entering the poster contest or performing their art via spoken word, singing a song, or dancing etc. The due date for all entries is Friday, February 18, 2022. Poster winners will be notified via phone/email on Friday, February 11th and announced on Thursday, February 24th from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at our "Awareness through Art" virtual event. The top 3 winners will win VISA gifts cards valued up to a \$100 dollars, in addition to art supplies.

The two themes the students can choose from are "Qualities of a Healthy Relationship" OR "Dating Violence."

The healthy relationships theme focuses on one or more qualities of healthy relationships (communication, respect, honesty, trust, equality, consent, and personal space). Dating Violence focuses on the warning signs, types of abuse, cycle of violence, or the effects of an abusive relationship. www.loveisrespect.org is a useful resource.

Teachers-- please encourage your students to participate in any way they'd like and share this with your colleagues. Kindly share helpful hints below with students & assist them with following the rules.

- Read rules carefully, especially in regards to theme & spelling.
- Words should be CLEAR and LEGIBLE from a distance (use large font).
- NO QUOTES, copyrighted figures, names, or graphics that are not originally created by the student.
- NO SPELLING ERRORS, or poster will be disqualified.

Students--please feel free to discuss your ideas with your teachers or House of Ruth staff. We will help in any way that we can.

Contest rules and Registration Form appear on the back of this letter. All posters must have a completed Registration Form on the back of their entry. You can also request additional information from our Prevention Education Manager, Elyse Severson at eseverson@houseofruthinc.org or 1-909-623-4364 ext. 5027

We are so excited for the voice of our teens in this community to be heard!

Sincerely,

Elyse Severson, Prevention Manager

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Poster Guidelines:

THEMES: "Qualities of a Healthy Relationship" OR "Dating Violence"

PRIZES: There will be three (3) winners and they will be announced at our "Awareness through Art" virtual event on Thursday, February 24, 2022 on Zoom. The winners will receive prizes and have their posters professionally printed and distributed to local schools, businesses, and organizations.

JUDGING CRITERIA: The judging criteria will be based on originality, creativity, development and reflection of the theme, as well as the recognition of diverse relationships and inclusivity. As a resource, visit loveisrespect.org.

*From the posters that are submitted, only 25 will be displayed at the Awareness through Art event. If your poster is not chosen to be displayed, you will be notified via email.

RULES:

1. Submitted artwork should be on heavy construction paper, matte finish, size 11 X 17 or 18 X 24, leaving a one inch plain border at the bottom. Do not put your name on the front of poster.
2. Original, freehand artwork in any medium, color or black and white. Keep in mind pencils appear light.
3. Only one entry per student and each entry must be the work of only one student.
4. All entries become the property of the House of Ruth and cannot be returned. We reserve the right to use the posters for the purpose of dating violence education and promotion. A picture of the winning student may appear in the media and/or our newsletter/website/etc. as well.
5. Posters may not be folded or rolled. They must be dropped off at House of Ruth (our administrative office at 599 N. Main Street, Pomona, CA 91768) **OR** Prevention staff can also pick posters up at your school during designated times. All entries must be received by Friday, February 18, 2022.

Performance Art Guidelines:

THEMES: "Qualities of a Healthy Relationship" OR "Dating Violence"

RULES:

1. Art with music or spoken word must be clean or edited to a clean version (no cursing).
2. Performers must have a downloaded version of the music needed along with printed lyrics.
3. Performances can be done solo or in pairs.
4. Performances need to be recorded and submitted to eseverson@houseofruthinc.org by Friday, February 18, 2021 before 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the information below.
Elyse Severson, eseverson@houseofruthinc.org, 1-909-623-4364 x. 5027

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REGISTRATION FORM: Complete the following, printed clearly. Attach this section to the back of your poster with invisible tape, or email it with the video of your performance art. Parent signature gives permission to House of Ruth to use students' picture in newspapers, House of Ruth newsletters, and permission to use the poster for any educational purpose. Please be specific in naming your performance art (ex: singing "Praying" by Kesha, edited version).

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE _____

PERFORMANCE ART: _____

STUDENT EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL NAME: _____

TEACHER TO BE NOTIFIED: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (Print): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____