



Speak Your Piece Art Contest

Deadline:

October 16, 2024

Theme:

We want your **PIECE** to **SPEAK** for PEACE. Help us spread the message of harmony and advocate against violence.

Guidelines:

- Must be an Alachua County resident in grades 9-12.
- Original artwork only, in any form of 2-D media. (Paints, watercolor, photography, digital art, mixed media, etc.) The use of artificial intelligence generators is strictly prohibited.
- Only one submitted piece per entrant.
- The winning artwork will be digitally reproduced on an 8.5" x 11" booklet. Submissions may be larger, but keep in mind that they will be resized (but not distorted), if necessary.
- Write a brief description (100-300 words) of the artwork and how it incorporates the theme.
- Use tape to affix your description, plus your name, grade and school, on the back of the submission. You may sign your work but do not place other identifying information on the front.

What will this artwork be used for?

At the end of every year, the Children's Trust of Alachua County creates an annual report to highlight the programs and services provided for local families. This year, the Trust is incorporating an art contest for local teens to spotlight one talented young artist's work on the cover of the report. Additionally, the description of the winning artwork, plus a short feature and photo of the artist, will be highlighted inside.

The original pieces from the winner and the two runners-up will be hung in the Children's Trust offices for visitors to admire. Artwork may also be featured on the Children's Trust website and social media pages.

Prizes:

The Children's Trust of Alachua County
4010 NW 25th Place | Gainesville, FL 32606
(352) 374-1830 | [ChildrensTrustOfAlachuaCounty.us](https://www.ChildrensTrustOfAlachuaCounty.us)

- 1st place: \$500, feature on the cover of the 2024 Children’s Trust annual report and placed on display at the Children’s Trust office.
- 2nd place: \$250 and on display at the Children’s Trust office.
- 3rd place: \$100 and on display at the Children’s Trust office.

Judging:

Initial judging will be done by an art teacher or equivalent of each school. Each teacher will select two pieces from the school to send to the Children’s Trust of Alachua County. Homeschooled students should send their artwork to their zoned Alachua County Public School or send directly to the Children’s Trust of Alachua County office for consideration.

The second round of judging will be anonymously viewed and judged by a small group of professional artists and/or University of Florida art professors (to be determined). The top five move to the third round.

From the top five pieces, the Children’s Trust staff will select the winner and two runners-up. Artwork not selected may be collected from the Children’s Trust office.

About the Children's Trust of Alachua County:

The Children's Trust of Alachua County funds and supports a coordinated system of community services that allows all youth ages 0 to 18 and their families to thrive. The website is ChildrensTrustOfAlachuaCounty.us.

Disclaimer:

Artists of the top three artworks grant unlimited and indefinite permission to display their work in the Children’s Trust office, in printed materials, and online. By entering this competition, artists agree to the above rules and requirements.

Questions?

Contact Kirsten Rabin, Children’s Trust communications manager, at krabin@childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us.