



America 250 Community Art Contest: Event Guidelines

Overview

In celebration of America 250, the Village of Lindenhurst is hosting a community-wide art contest highlighting patriotic and national history themes. The contest invites participants of all ages to express what America means to them through original artwork.

Theme / Prompt

“Red, White, and Blue: What America Means to You.”

Participants are encouraged to illustrate their personal vision of America—its values, history, symbols, landscapes, and people.

Eligibility

- Open to all Lindenhurst community members, including students and adults.
- Submissions must be original artwork created by the participant.
- One entry per participant.

Artwork Requirements

- Artwork must respond to the official contest theme.
- Accepted formats:
 - Traditional: 8.5" x 11" paper (any medium).
 - Digital submissions must match the 8.5" x 11" size ratio.
- Artwork should not include copyrighted characters or commercial branding.
- Digital enhancements are allowed but must represent the participant's own creation.
- Artwork should be created entirely by the participant. Use of AI-generated imagery or AI-assisted editing/enhancement tools is not permitted.

Submission Process

Submissions may be submitted digitally at www.lindenhurstil.org/250artcontest or

physically at Village Hall, 2301 E. Sand Lake Road, Lindenhurst, IL 60046. Each entry must include:

- Participant's name
- Age or grade level
- Contact information (parent/guardian for minors)

Submission deadline: March 6, 2026– April 27, 2026

Judging & Categories

Entries will be grouped by age:

- Early Childhood (Pre-K–2nd grade)
- Youth (3rd –5th grade)
- Middle School (6th –8th grade)
- High School (9th –12th grade)
- Adult (18+)

A community voting period will also be held to select a "Community Choice Winner."

Recognition & Display

- Winning designs will be reproduced as outdoor banners.
- Banners will be professionally printed and displayed on a structure constructed by Public Works outside Village Hall.
- Winners will be recognized publicly through Village communication channels and at a Village Board meeting.
- Gift Cards to Local Businesses.

Rights & Permissions

By entering, participants grant the Village permission to display, print, and publish their artwork for contest and promotional purposes.

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