

Stratfield Village Association



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Call for Creators!

The Fairfield K-12 Poetry & Art Contest

"The Pulse of the American Promise"

America is turning 250, and our story isn't finished. An anniversary like this one isn't just a look back—it's an opportunity to reflect on the living promise of who we can become. From the street where you live to the dreams you're chasing, you are crafting the continuing story of America every day. [You](#) carry the pulse of the American promise.

The Challenge

We are looking for original Poetry and Visual Art that captures "The Pulse of the American Promise." Think about the American values that mean the most to you: Freedom, Community, Courage, Opportunity, Equality...

- What does "Freedom" look like on a Tuesday afternoon in your neighborhood?
- Where do you see "Community" in action at your school or kitchen table?
- What "Courage" will you need in your daily life to continue the promise of America?

Give us a snapshot of your world. Show us how you see the continuing thread of what it means to be American in your life.

For the Poets

Write a poem, using [250 words](#) or less, that captures the pulse of the American promise. How can you use the sounds, colors, textures, and energy that surrounds you to create a poem celebrating the American value(s) that mean the most to you?

For the Visual Artists

Create a visual piece that captures the pulse of the American promise. How can you use color, paint, digital tools, collage, ink, etc. to visually express the American value(s) that mean the most to you?

Submission Guidelines

Student submissions will be grouped by grade levels: [K-2](#), [3-5](#), [6-8](#), and [9-12](#).

All student submissions are due [June 1, 2026](#). From there, each school will select its top three entries per grade band to advance to the Stratfield Village Association for formal judging.

Winning entries will be celebrated and displayed at the 5th Annual Lincoln Parkapalooza, scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2026. Additional prizes and acknowledgements TBA.

[Click here to submit student work](#)

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[“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”](#)

– Eleanor Roosevelt