



FLORIDA COMMISSION
on the STATUS of WOMEN

Open to all
K - 5
students in
Florida

FLORIDA

WOMEN'S HISTORY

CONTESTS

Art Contest

2026



Deadline for Submission

December 1, 2026

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ART CONTEST



"250 YEARS OF AMERICAN IMPACT - FLORIDA WOMEN WHO SHAPED AMERICA"

For 250 years, women have helped shape the story of America through courage, leadership, creativity, and determination. Florida women have made a difference in science, education, medicine, sports, the arts, government, business, and their communities, inspiring others and helping make our country stronger.

Create a drawing, painting, or collage that celebrates a Florida woman who helped make America the great country it is today. Use your imagination to tell her story of courage, kindness, and hard work.

Get out your pens, pencils, crayons, markers, or paints, and get creative!

PURPOSE

To commemorate and honor women's history and members of the Florida Women's Hall of Fame



Sponsored by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, the Florida Women's History art contest is open to both boys and girls and serves to celebrate women's history and increase awareness of the contributions made by Florida women, past and present. Celebrating women's history presents the opportunity to honor and recount stories of our ancestors' talents, sacrifices, and commitments, and inspires today's generations. Learning about our past allows us to build our future.

THEME

2026

The 2026 theme encourages students to learn about the remarkable Florida women whose courage, leadership, and achievements have helped shape our nation. Teachers, parents, and guardians are encouraged to help students research inspiring Florida women and discuss how their contributions made a positive impact on their communities, our state, and America. Encourage students to think creatively about how to tell her story through art, using images, symbols, and colors that reflect her legacy and inspire an appreciation for the Florida women who helped shape our nation.

*Create an art piece inspired by this year's theme,
"250 Years of American Impact:
Florida Women Who Shaped America"*

RULES



- Entries must be mailed to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **December 1, 2026**.
 - Emailed or faxed entries will not be accepted. Contestants are responsible for all shipping costs.
 - Each contestant must be a legal resident of Florida at the time of submission. All Florida students in grades K through 5 (public, private, and home-schooled) are eligible.
- Students must provide all required information requested on the entry form and the entry form must be legible. The student and parent/legal guardian are required to read and understand these rules in order to submit the entry form in its entirety. The entry form includes a release and certification that must be signed by a parent or guardian.
 - Each submission must have the entry form and release statement attached. A copy of the completed entry form must also be attached to the back of the artwork.
 - Each applicant and his/her parent or guardian must agree to give all rights to the submitted artwork, including copyright, to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women. This transfer of rights will allow the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, at a minimum, to reproduce, distribute, and display your artwork.
 - The winner's submission will be duplicated in various mediums and used to promote Women's History Month throughout the state. This means that when you submit your artwork to participate in this contest, your artwork will become the property of the State of Florida and will not be returned.

Art may be mailed to:

Florida Commission on the Status of Women Art Contest
107 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

CRITERIA



All winners and their teachers will be recognized with a certificate during a special ceremony. Winning art will be published on the FCSW website.

Artwork: Student must submit original, two-dimensional artwork.

1. Student artwork must be original and created by only the student. Artwork **may not** be drawn from any existing artwork (photograph, advertisement, etc.) not created by the student.
2. Student artwork must measure 8½" by 11" and be created using any two-dimensional medium including:
 - a. drawing (pencil, ink, crayon, graphite, etc.)
 - b. painting (pastel, watercolor, spray paint, oils, etc.)
3. Each student may enter only one submission to this contest.

ENTRY

Student Name:			
Title of Entry:			Grade:
Home Mailing Address:			Age:
City:	State: Florida	Zip Code:	
Home Phone Number: <i>(including area code)</i>			
Parent/Legal Guardian Name:			
Parent/Legal Guardian Cell Phone Number: <i>(including area code)</i>		Parent/Legal Guardian E-Mail Address:	
School Name:			County:
School Mailing Address:			
City:	State: Florida	Zip Code:	
School Phone Number: <i>(including area code)</i>			
Teacher Name:		Teacher E-Mail Address:	



Release Statement

As parent/legal guardian, I acknowledge that my child created the submitted artwork and has followed all contest guidelines and rules. Should he or she win the art contest, I agree to allow the submitted art to be distributed publicly. I also understand that if it is discovered my child's artwork is not original or fails to comply with all contest rules and submission guidelines, the artwork will be subject to automatic disqualification.

I, _____ (print name), am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above and having read this release and approve of its terms, hereby certify the following:

1. I am the parent/legal guardian of _____
2. My child is a legal resident of Florida and is currently enrolled in grades K-5.
3. I give permission for my child to enter his/her artwork in the 2026 Women's History Art Contest.
4. I have read the official rules of this contest, and I further certify my child has followed these rules and is eligible to participate in this contest.
5. I give the Florida Commission on the Status of Women permission to use, reproduce, reprint, transmit, post, distribute, adapt, alter, edit, and/or display the submitted artwork.
6. I give the Florida Commission on the Status of Women permission to use my child's submission and/or my child's name, photograph, voice, video image, biographical information, and his/her artwork for promotional purposes including but not limited to, print, radio, television, and Internet promotion, without compensation or prior notice.

I hereby release the Florida Commission on the Status of Women, as well as their employees, commissioners, officers, successors, assigns, licensees, and legal representatives, from any and all liability associated with my and my child's participation in this activity, and I agree not to assert any claim of any nature whatsoever against anyone relating to this activity.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date