



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can enter?

Artists, professionals, amateurs, students – everyone age 16 years and older can participate. You must live in Mississippi or attend school in Mississippi. There is no submission or entry fee. Only one submission per artist will be accepted.

Is there a submission or entry fee?

No.

Are there cash awards?

No.

What do the winners receive?

Visual art pieces will be selected for display at the Mississippi Museum of Art on September 22, 2018 during the ACLU of Mississippi's Fight for Freedom fundraiser event.

Top 20% of visual art submissions with the highest scores will advance to the finals. Those art pieces will be on separate display where event attendees will rank them. The piece that receives the highest rank will win. The winner will have an opportunity to showcase their piece at the Mississippi Museum of Art for one-month (30 days). The art piece will also be featured on the cover of the ACLU of Mississippi's December 2018 newsletter.

Top 20% of Essay, Spoken Word, and Poetry category submissions will have the opportunity to perform at the Mississippi Museum of Art on September 24, 2018 during the ACLU of Mississippi's Fight for Freedom fundraiser event. Winners from each category will be selected by a panel of judges. Essay, spoken word, and poetry winners will have the opportunity to have their piece published in a local

newspaper and on the ACLU of Mississippi website, included in the ACLU of Mississippi's December 2018 newsletter, and distributed via e-blast to our more than 3,000 members.

What is the deadline for submissions?

August 20, 2018. No late entries will be accepted.

What is the theme for the competition?

What does freedom mean to you?

Do I need to submit my original work of art?

No. Only a digital file of your original art work will be accepted.

May I make more than one submission?

No.

What is the acceptable size and digital formats for creating and submitting my art?

Your original art may be any size and medium; however, you must create or scan and submit it as a high-resolution (minimum 300 dpi) digital file (JPG, JPEG, PNG, or PDF). Your digital art must measure no less than 12.8" (325.12 mm) wide by 8.8" (223.52 mm) high, or if larger, it must contain the same proportions.

Your original creative writing piece must be in Word or PDF only. Audio and/or video submissions of spoken word will be accepted as a MP4 file only.

Do I retain the rights to my art?

Yes, you retain the rights to your art. However, by your submission, you acknowledge that your creation is an original concept and creation, is not a copy or reproduction of the art of another and does not violate the United States Copyright Act of 1986, as amended. You further acknowledge that by submitting your work of art you irrevocably grant to ACLU of Mississippi, in its sole and absolute discretion, without restriction or limitation, a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty free, perpetual, irrevocable license to use, publish, distribute and display your work and personal information, including your name, grade (if a student) and city of residence, for exhibits, displays, catalogs, posters, advertising, educational/promotional materials and other purposes.

When will final selections be made and how will I be notified?

Judging will take place in late August after the submission deadline, and those selected for inclusion in the showcase will be notified by email in early September. All finalists will also be notified by email in early September with further instructions.

When and where will the exhibit be displayed?

The exhibit will be displayed at the Mississippi Museum of Art during the ACLU of Mississippi's Fight for Freedom Fundraiser event on September 24, 2018.

Do I need a ticket to attend the event?

All finalists will receive (1) complimentary ticket to the event. All other art activists are encouraged, but not required to purchase a ticket to the event.

For more information, please email office@aclu-ms.org.