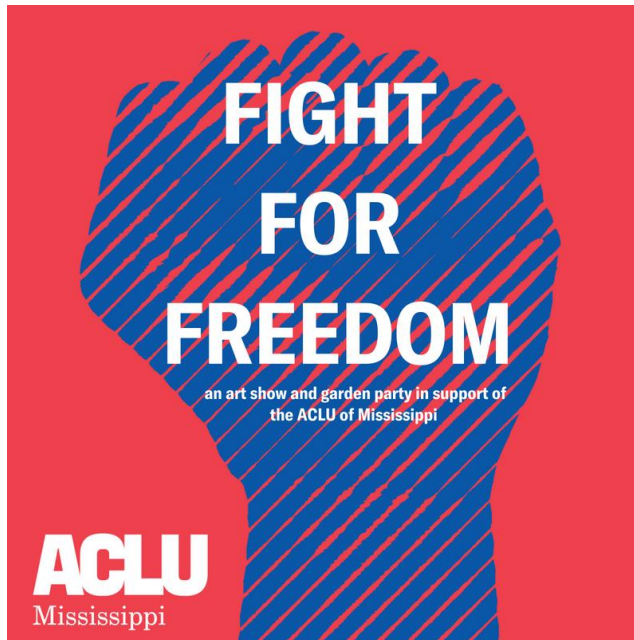


## The Judging Process



All submissions must be original and must not be published, performed, or exhibited publicly prior to the competition. Work copied from another artist's work or photographs is not permitted.

All submissions must include a cover sheet with the title, size/word count/time length, category & medium, a brief description (no more than 150 words), and a short bio about the artist written in 2<sup>nd</sup> person (no more than 250 words). Word and pdf documents accepted only.

Each judge has a judging form that the judges will complete and score the submissions.

The judging panel will be a mix of ACLU of Mississippi staff, ACLU of Mississippi board members, and Mississippi Museum of Art staff.

### Competition Qualifications:

- Must be 16 years old or older.
- Must live or attend school in Mississippi.
- Work submitted must not be published, performed, or exhibited publicly prior to competition.
- No corrections or alterations will be allowed after the submission of entries.
- No late entries will be accepted.
- Any transportation or shipping fees are the responsibility of the artist.

### Art Activist Categories:

- Visual Art
- Essay
- Spoken Word
- Poetry

Competitors may submit work in only ONE category.

### *Visual Art*

Mediums accepted include: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, textile design, creative woodwork, pottery, graphic design, and photography. All pieces are of equal merit.

Submissions will be primarily judged on the following:

- Theme: is the theme clearly reflected in the art piece and easily understood? Will the art piece prompt discussion?
- Command of medium: skilled at using medium, uses appropriate techniques for medium

- Technique: use of color, texture, perspective, skilled at drawing or modeling
- Expression: vivid imagery, treats subject in a unique way
- Presentation: work is in good shape

Visual art pieces will be selected for display at the Mississippi Museum of Art on September 24, 2018 during the Fight for Freedom Fundraiser event. Visual artists are encouraged to attend the event, but not required.

The top 20% of submissions with the highest scores will advance to the finals, and will receive (1) event ticket to attend. Final visual art pieces will display in a separate area where event attendees will rank them. The visual art piece with the highest rank will win. The winning visual art activist will be announced at the event.

Prize: The winning visual art activist will have the opportunity to showcase their piece at the Mississippi Museum of Art for one-month. The piece will also be featured on the cover of the ACLU of Mississippi December 2018 Newsletter, which is distributed to approximately 3,000 members.

### ***Creative Writing***

Mediums include: Essay, Spoken Word, Poetry

Competitors will primarily be judged on the following:

- Structure: clear story/poetic arc; flows together as a whole
- Use of Language: appropriate grammar and spelling; complexity of sentence and vocabulary
- Theme: clear, well thought out; presented in creative way; thought-provoking
- Expressions: vivid imagery, language; unique voice
- Technique: no typos or grammatical errors; personal and persuasive

Submission Details:

- Max word count is 750
- Audio and/or video submissions of spoken word will be accepted. MP4 files only. 3-minute max.

The top 20% of submissions with the highest scores will advance to the finals, and will receive (1) event ticket to attend. Finalists will have the opportunity to perform at the Mississippi Museum of Art during the Fight for Freedom Fundraiser event. The winning creative writing art activist will be announced at the event.

Prize: The winning creative writing art activist 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.

### **Deadline & How to Submit:**

The deadline for all submissions is August 20, 2018. No late entries will be accepted.

Please submit your entries via email to [office@aclu-ms.org](mailto:office@aclu-ms.org) with subject line: **Fight for Freedom Art Competition.**

All submissions must include an **application** and **cover sheet** with the title, size/word count/time length, category & medium, a brief description (no more than 150 words), and a short bio about the artist written in 2<sup>nd</sup> person (no more than 250 words). **Word and pdf documents accepted only.**

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.