



# St. Clair County Community Mental Health You Belong Here *Every Story Matters*

## St. Clair County Community Mental Health High School Creative Arts Contest

Open to all St. Clair County High School Students

**Mental Health touches every person in different ways, but no one's experiences define their worth.** Communities become stronger when people feel safe to be themselves, ask for help, and support one another without judgment.

**Artwork can challenge stereotypes, promote inclusion, or remind someone that they matter.**

### Prizes

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Best In Show                   | \$350 |
| People's Choice                | \$150 |
| First Place                    | \$150 |
| Second Place                   | \$100 |
| Third Place                    | \$75  |
| Honorable Mention Certificates |       |

Best in Show artwork is used as St. Clair County Community Mental Health's Mental Health Poster.

It will also appear on the agency's annual report and on billboards during Mental Health Awareness Month. Artwork may also be used in additional, appropriate marketing campaigns and materials.

**Deadline for artwork: Friday, January 15, 2027**  
**Learn more at [scccmh.org/creativearts](http://scccmh.org/creativearts)**



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### High School Art Contest Quick Reference Guide

#### **What is the goal of the Creative Arts Contest?**

To encourage youth to use their voice to educate their peers and the community about the value of connecting mind and body for mental wellness, and to reduce stigma associated with mental health conditions, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders.

#### **What is this year's theme?**

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#### **Consider these prompts to help you get started...**

- Create artwork showing what belonging looks like.
- Use symbolism to represent acceptance, hope, or resilience.
- Illustrate how communities become stronger when everyone is included.
- Show how kindness can reduce stigma.
- Express the importance of being seen, heard, or understood.
- Imagine a future where everyone feels they belong.

#### **Can artwork contain a blend of computer-generated and hand-created art?**

No, at this time our Creative Arts Contest does not accept digital artwork.

#### **Who judges the artwork?**

Judging is by popular vote of SCCCMH staff, individuals who use CMH services, and the public. All entries will be posted to the SCCCMH website for public voting, which will determine the People's Choice Award. SCCCMH staff will also vote to determine other awards.

#### **When will prizes be awarded?**

Our goal is to award all prizes by May 2027. Students will be notified by email in March, and award presentations will be scheduled for April and May.

#### **When will student artwork be returned?**

Artwork not awarded a prize will be returned to the high school by May 2027. Winning artwork will be available after May 31, 2027, and winners will be contacted to make arrangements.



**For more information, visit [scccmh.org/creativearts](https://scccmh.org/creativearts)  
or contact Aubree Mayhew at 810.966.3386 or  
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### High School Art Contest Rules

- Entries must be the original, individual work of a student in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12.
- The student must live in or attend school in St. Clair County, Michigan.
- Entries must be hand-created work using any medium. Digitally created artwork will not be considered.
- Entries should be no larger than 14" x 17".
- Entries must be accompanied by a completed Student Entry Form. Entries not accompanied by this form will not be considered for judging.
- Entries should not be framed or matted.
- Entries using any easily transferable medium, such as chalk, charcoal, graphite, and pastels, must be treated with a spray fixative before being turned in. It is also recommended that these types of pieces be submitted with newsprint or other paper protecting the work.
- The student does not need to be currently enrolled in an art class to participate.
- The student's name and their school name must be printed legibly on the back of the artwork.
- Any artwork that depicts copyrighted images will be rejected. For example, no artwork depicting characters from television shows, movies, video games, or books will be accepted. All artwork must be original ideas and created entirely by the student.
- Failure to adhere to any of the aforementioned rules could result in the artwork being disqualified.



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## St. Clair County Community Mental Health High School Creative Arts Contest Student Entry Form

Complete and submit this form with your entry by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2027.  
Please print legibly and complete the form in its entirety.

Title of Entry

Student Name

Student Grade

Student's Home Address (please include city and zip code)

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Email Address

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Student's School

Teacher's Name (if applicable)

Teacher Email Address

Teacher Phone Number

I hereby certify that this entry is my own original work and is not copied, adapted, or plagiarized from any other source. By entering this contest, I give St. Clair County Community Mental Health permission to use my entry for educational and promotional purposes with no additional expectation of compensation.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

