

NIMHD Envisioning Health Equity Art Challenge Rules and Requirements

How to Enter

Participants must send an email to nimhd2020@mail.nih.gov using the subject line “**Art Challenge 2020: [Title of Art Submission], [Age Category: Teen or Adult]**,” with their artwork and completed entry form. Participants who are under age 18 at the time of submission must have a parent or legal guardian sign their entry form.

Submission Period: October 22, 2020 through February 5, 2021, at 11:59pm EST

Example Subject Line: Art Challenge 2020: My Vision, Adult Category

For Group Submissions

- All members of the group must **meet the age requirements for the category** in which they have chosen to compete.
- All groups must designate one group member to be the team leader. The team leader completes the entry form, emails in the submission materials, and is the recipient of the prize money if the group wins an award. **In the case of teen groups**, the team leader can be an adult (18 or over at the time of submission).
- Every group member must provide the team leader with **written consent** to submit the entry on their behalf. If a group member is under 18 at the time of submission, the group member must provide the team leader with written consent from their parent or legal guardian.

Entry Requirements

Only one entry per person. Submissions must be received by **11:59 p.m. EST on February 5, 2021**. Participants must include the following submission materials: artwork as a PDF, JPEG, or PNG file (minimum 300 ppi) and a completed and signed entry form. For participants under age 18 at the time of submission, the entry form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Entry Form

Participants must complete all fields of the entry form, including:

- Providing their signature or the signature of the parent or legal guardian (if the participant is under 18 years old at the time of submission) to confirm that they understand and accept the challenge rules and regulations.
- Providing a brief title (<50 characters), and a short caption (<150 words) describing their art piece.

Entry form file must use the following naming convention: “[**Title of Art Submission**],[**Date of Submission**]**_Entry Form**”.

Example Entry Form File Name: My Vision_12.15.20_Entry Form

Download the [Individual Entry Form \(PDF\)](#)

Download the [Group Entry Form \(PDF\)](#)

Art Submission

The theme of the challenge is **envisioning health equity**. Submissions will be evaluated based on their **quality, originality, creativity, and representation of theme**. Only submissions meeting submission requirements will be reviewed. Artwork file must use the following naming convention: “[**Title of Art Submission**],[**Date of Submission**]”.

Example Artwork File Name: My Vision_12.15.20

Art submissions must meet the following requirements:

- Artwork may be produced using any medium, including by computer program, but the art will ultimately be printed on an 8 ½” by 11” piece of paper and/or digitally represented as an image file.
- Artwork must be submitted as a PDF, JPEG, or PNG file and must be at least 300 ppi.
- Files must be no larger than 10 MB.
- Artwork must not use HHS, NIH, or NIMHD logos or official seals and must not claim federal government endorsement.
- Video or audio recordings are not permitted.

Rules for Participation

- (1) A participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) can only submit 1 (one) entry.
- (2) To be eligible to win a prize in the Teen Category of this challenge, a participant shall be between the ages of 16 and 18 years old at the time of submission.
 - a. For group entries, all members of the group must be between the ages of 16 and 18 years old at the time of submission.

- (3) To be eligible to win a prize in the Adult Category of this Challenge, a participant shall be at least 19 years old at the time of submission.
- a. For group entries, all members of the group must be at least 19 years old at the time of submission.
- (4) To be eligible to win a prize under this challenge, a participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) —
- a. Shall have registered to participate in the challenge under the rules promulgated by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as published in this announcement;
 - b. Shall have complied with all the requirements set forth in this announcement;
 - c. In the case of a private entity, shall be incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States, and in the case of an individual, whether participating singly or in a group, shall be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States;
 - d. Shall not be a federal entity or federal employee acting within the scope of their employment;
 - e. Shall not be an employee of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS, or any other component of HHS) acting in their personal capacity;
 - f. Who is employed by a federal agency or entity other than HHS (or any component of HHS) should consult with an agency ethics official to determine whether the federal ethics rules will limit or prohibit the acceptance of a prize under this challenge;
 - g. Shall not be a judge of the challenge, or any other party involved with the design, production, execution, or distribution of the challenge or the immediate family of such a party (e.g., spouse, parent, stepparent, child, or stepchild).
- (5) Federal grantees may not use federal funds from a grant award to develop their challenge submissions or to fund efforts in support of their challenge submissions.
- (6) Federal contractors may not use federal funds from a contract to develop their challenge submissions or to fund efforts in support of their challenge submissions.

- (7) By participating in this challenge, each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) agrees to assume any and all risks and waive claims against the federal government and its related entities, except in the case of willful misconduct, for any injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue, or profits, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, arising from participation in this challenge, whether the injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise.
- (8) Based on the subject matter of the challenge, the type of work that it will possibly require, as well as an analysis of the likelihood of any claims for death, bodily injury, property damage, or loss potentially resulting from challenge participation, no participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) participating in the challenge is required to obtain liability insurance or demonstrate financial responsibility in order to participate in this challenge.
- (9) By participating in this challenge, each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) agrees to indemnify the federal government against third-party claims for damages arising from or related to challenge activities.
- (10) A participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) shall not be deemed ineligible because the participant used federal facilities or consulted with federal employees during the challenge if the facilities and employees are made available to all participants participating in the challenge on an equitable basis.
- (11) By participating in this challenge, each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) warrants that they are sole author or owner of, or has the right to use, any copyrightable works that the submission comprises, that the works are wholly original with the participant (or is an improved version of an existing work that the participant has sufficient rights to use and improve), and that the submission does not infringe any copyright or any other rights of any third party of which the participant is aware.

- (12) By participating in this challenge, each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) grants to NIH an irrevocable, paid-up, royalty-free nonexclusive worldwide license to reproduce, publish, post, link to, share, and display publicly the submission on the Web or elsewhere, and a nonexclusive, nontransferable, irrevocable, paid-up license to practice, or have practiced for or on its behalf, the solution throughout the world. Each participant will retain all other intellectual property rights in their submissions, as applicable. To participate in the challenge, each participant must warrant that there are no legal obstacles to providing the above-referenced nonexclusive licenses of the participant's rights to the federal government. To receive an award, participants will *not* be required to transfer their intellectual property rights to NIH, but participants must grant to the federal government the *nonexclusive licenses* recited herein.
- (13) Each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) agrees to follow all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies.
- (14) Each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) participating in this challenge must comply with all terms and conditions of these rules, and participation in this challenge constitutes each such participant's full and unconditional agreement to abide by these rules. Winning is contingent upon fulfilling all requirements herein.
- (15) As a condition for winning a cash prize in this challenge, each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) that has been selected as a winner must complete and submit all requested winner verification and payment documents to NIH within 10 (ten) business days of formal notification. Failure to return all required verification documents by the date specified in the notification may be a basis for disqualification of a cash prize winning submission.