



Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Greetings Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Treasure Coast (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, I am pleased to announce The Links, Incorporated's 2023-2024 Poster Art Competition. The Poster Art Competition provides our youth with an opportunity to reflect on a theme that is important to our community, creatively respond to the theme, and compete for cash awards and recognition. Winning posters will be entered into a national Poster Art Competition sponsored by The Links, Incorporated.

Our goal is to encourage creative artistic excellence for students between grades one and 12. We want to expand and enhance partnerships with schools, churches, and other community organizations to reach more students. We ask you to help us by spreading the word.

The Links, Incorporated consists of more than 17,000 professional women of African descent 299 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and the United Kingdom. It is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining, and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. Our Poster Art Competition helps us achieve this mission.

Please see the attached competition materials for an overview and competition requirements. The Poster Art Program is already underway and **final submissions are due Friday, February 16th, 2024**, to showcase at The Black Family Wellness Expo held at the Gifford Youth Center on March 2, 2024! Please feel free to contact me at nirlainesmartt@gmail.com or **772-215-8720** for additional information.

Sincerely,

Nirlaine Tallandier Smartt, Esq.
Arts Chair

The 2023-2024 Links Poster Art categories of competition and themes are:

<p>Category I: Grades 1-3 Category II: Grades 4-6 Category III: Grades 7-9</p>	<p>My community's health and wellness begins with my family and me!</p>
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<p>Category IV: Grades 10-12</p>	<p>Any aspect of The Links, Incorporated's National Social Action Initiative described below:</p>
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➤ **Link Up the Vote! (Voter Education, Registration and Mobilization)**

Link Up the Vote (LUTV) is the official national voting initiative of The Links, Incorporated led by the national social action committee within the National Trends and Services Facet. LUTV activates during local municipal, state and federal election cycles and national policy issues per the approval of the National President.

The mission of LUTV is to ensure equitable access to the voting process, amplify underrepresented voices of African Americans and people of the African diaspora, and cultivate a culture of informed and active citizenship. LUTV envisions a nation where every citizen, regardless of background or circumstance, is inspired and equipped to participate in the democratic process.

➤ **Police Reform (The Links Police Engagement And Community Education (PEACE) Program)**

➤ **Principles of the Black Lives Matters Movement**

➤ **Prevention of Human Trafficking**

➤ **Environmental Justice (EJ)**

EJ is “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.” • EJ is achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work. <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/>



Rules and Procedures

Eligible Entry ID: An eligible entry ID is defined as the uploaded photo of an original artwork of one student in grades 1-12.

Number of Entries: A maximum of one entry per grade category and per student is permitted.

Artistic Expression: Eligible media are watercolor, charcoal, pencil, acrylics, pen, paint, fabric, collage, crayons, mosaic, scratch art or a computer-generated image (but not computer clip art).

Computer-generated artwork should be 3000x2000 with a resolution of 300ppi. Artwork can be 2D or 3D collage. Sculpture works are not encouraged. All images should be a poster composition and express themes related to the applicable theme for the student's category of eligibility. Diversity is encouraged in the imagery. Students should include a title for their work that expresses the theme or subject matter.

Size: Students are not limited by the size of the materials used. Paper, canvas or art board are recommended. Chapters are encouraged to use standard materials that are accessible. Standard art materials sizes include: 9"x12" and 11"x14". Consider that the poster will be photographed for uploading when you decide on the size of materials.



**POSTER ART COMPETITION
THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY EACH ENTRY**

Permission to Publish

I hereby give The Links, Incorporated the right to publish my/my child's poster to The Links, Incorporated National Poster Art Competition on the internet and/or in a publication of choice.

Poster Title: _____

Poster Category: _____

Poster Medium: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Links Chapter: **Treasure Coast (FL) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**

Links Contact Person and Email: **Nirlaine Tallandier Smartt, Esq., nirlainesmartt@gmail.com**

Parent's/Guardian's Consent

I am the parent and/or the legal guardian of the above-named minor and hereby consent to the use of the submitted work as noted above. I affirm that I have the legal right to give such consent. **

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Media Release

**By applying to this competition, I grant The Links, Incorporated, permission to use my/my child's name to attribute the poster properly and publicly to me/my child.

In addition, I grant The Links, Incorporated the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish biographical materials, photographs, quotation, and other relevant materials regarding me/my child, which I may provide, or in which I/my child may be included. These materials may be published in Links publications, electronic reproductions (web and multimedia), and/or promotional materials, or for any other purpose and in any manner or medium. I grant my permission to The Links, Incorporated to alter the same without restrictions and to copyright the same in their publications.

I hereby release the photographer and The Links, Incorporated from all claims and liability relating to said photographs and other materials.

This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors, assigns, and personal representatives.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Applicant Signature (If age 18 or over): _____

If applicant is under 18 years of age:

Printed Name of Guardian: _____

Parent Signature (If applicant is under 18): _____

The student retains ownership of his/her works. The Links, Incorporated is given the right to use and publish the work(s)!