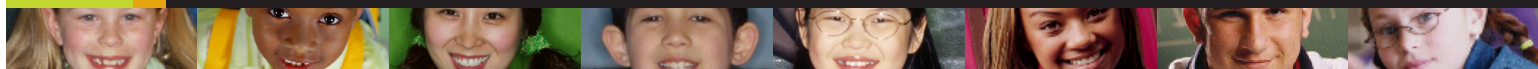


2007 NATIONAL ART CONTEST



ABOUT NCCREST'S NATIONAL ART CONTEST The National Center for Culturally Responsive Educational Systems (NCCRESt) is sponsoring a national art contest, in conjunction with its National Forum: *Leadership for Equity and Excellence: Transforming Education*. We work to raise awareness of the impact of race, class, language, gender, ability and culture in our schools.

Imagine a world in which everybody is included, valued, appreciated. Visualize a school where the atmosphere is caring, promoting respect for diversity, a community of learners born of compassion, trust and courage. A school where students and teachers intentionally commit themselves to support and encourage an individual's unique gifts, passions and intentions; to challenge and expand the comfortable limits of thought, tolerance and performance. How would you artistically express this type of school environment? NCCRESt seeks to capture the vision of artists about what schools would look like when they value and respond to the backgrounds, experiences, and heritage of ALL students and invest in educating students for critical citizenship and engagement with democracy's practices.

AWARDS/PRIZES The contest is open to students in grades K-12 and adults. Only individual entries will be considered for awards, no group entries please. Winning entries will be selected by a panel of judges selected by NCCRESt staff (see scoring rubric). All winners will be announced at the National Forum in Washington, D.C. in February 2007.

The grand prize winner will receive a \$300 cash award and a trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend the 2007 National Forum on Disproportionality in Education, February 7-9, 2007. At this national forum the grand prize winner will be honored at a reception and artwork will be on display.

First place winners will be awarded for each age group:

Group I – Kindergarten - Grade 4

Group II – Grades 5-8

Group III – Grades 9-12

Group IV – Adult

First place winners will receive a \$200 cash award and trophy/plaque. Additionally, 10 Honorable Mention certificates will be awarded for each age group and medium category.

SUBMISSIONS Work submitted to this contest will be used on products and materials developed by NCCRESt to raise awareness and to help people across the nation understand the vision of inclusive, culturally responsive education. For additional information about the mission of NCCRESt please visit our website: www.nccrest.org. Your work may be expressed in any of the following artistic mediums:

2D WORK:

- Clearly label the back of the artwork.
- No frames, glass, Plexiglas, or wood strips. Matting is not necessary.
- Maximum size for entries: 25 inches X 30 inches.

3D WORK:

- Do not mail original 3D artwork.
- Please submit a photograph of the work instead.

WRITTEN WORK:

- Poetry, short story, essay, etc.
- Written work should not exceed 1500 words.

MULTIMEDIA WORK:

- Video tapes, dvds, and tapes are all accepted and can be mailed to the address below.
- Footage may not be longer than 30 minutes.
- Electronic recordings can also be emailed to nccrest@cudenver.edu.
- Release forms must be used for any recognizable person that is recorded.

HOW TO ENTER Complete and submit NCCRESt's National Art Contest Application. It must be postmarked or emailed by October 31, 2006. No entries can be submitted unless the artist is in full agreement with the terms and conditions of the contest. In addition, entries received without a completed entry form will not qualify for the contest.

SUBMIT WORK TO

Urban Schools, Attention: Art Contest
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Denver, CO 80204