

SENATOR ERICA HARRISS' STUDENT ART CONTEST

CELEBRATING THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



In honor of America's 250th anniversary and in support of the arts in Illinois, State Senator Erica Harriss is hosting a district-wide art contest. The contest is open to 1st through 8th grade students throughout the 56th Senate District, giving young artists the chance to showcase their creativity through the theme of celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States of America.

As a key art instructor in our community, your encouragement is invaluable in helping students participate. Senator Harriss looks forward to seeing the artwork that highlights their pride in our nation during this special year.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

- 1st–8th Grade students
- Schools within the 56th Senate District

THEME IDEAS:

Themes that can be explored include, but are not limited to:

- What makes you proud of your community?
- What do state symbols or emblems mean to you?
- What makes America special — freedom, parks, cities, farmland, voting, etc.

ARTWORK GUIDELINES:

- Maximum size: 8 x 10 inches
- Acceptable media: markers, oil pastels, and mixed media

Each submission must include:

- Student's name, school name, and art teacher's name
- Submit artwork to: pbuente@sgop.ilga.gov, or mail/drop it off at district office

KEY DATES:

- **June 18:** Last day to submit art
- **July 4:** Winners selected

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

- Winning artwork will be framed and displayed at Senator Harriss' district office

For questions or to confirm participation, contact **Paige** at: pbuente@sgop.ilga.gov



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