

The Los Angeles (CA) Chapter, The Links Incorporated Creative Competition Rules and Guidelines

- 1. Eligibility:** 9th through 12th grade students are eligible to submit entries in each of the competition categories beginning February 1 through March 1, 2026, midnight PST.
- 2. Participation Form:** Available February 1, 2026.
- 3.** Submissions of original and unpublished work in one or more of the following areas will be accepted. Include short thematic descriptions/prompts with each poetry, prose, dance, music, and drama work.
 - Poetry: Submission must include a collection of three (3) poems
 - Essays: Three (3) pages maximum (No biographies or research papers)
 - Short Stories: Maximum word count of 750
 - Dance: Maximum of a three-minute dance performance of any genre
 - Music: Maximum of a three-minute instrumental or vocal performance
 - Drama: Maximum of a three-minute skit/monologue/Spoken Word performance
- 4. WORKS WITH PROFANITY OR SEXUAL CONTENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**
- 5.** All artwork compositions, writings, musical lyrics and compositions, dance choreography, and dramatic works must be the original and unpublished work of the student.
- 6.** Instructions for completing Poetry and Prose entries:
 - Must be typed in Microsoft Word
 - Times New Roman, Size 12 Font with one-inch margins all around
 - Page: Letter- 8 ½ x 11; black type; double-spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced
 - Contestant's name must be typed in the top right corner of each page
 - Each page must be numbered. Cover pages are not required
- 7.** Instructions for completing Dance, Music, and Drama entries
 - Must be transmitted via video upload; mp4; resolution to 720p
 - Time: Maximum of three (3) minutes
 - Entries may be submitted by an individual or by a group
- 8.** A completed Permission to Publish and Teacher/Program Coordinator/Adult Sponsor Verification Form must accompany ALL entries
- 9. ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RETURNED**

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Themes and Submissions: When considering a submission to The Visual Art Competition, please ensure that the submission supports the applicable theme for the student's category of eligibility. Posters that are not aligned with the theme will not be scored. Students are encouraged to think deeply about the theme and then create art. A brief description about how it reflects the theme (50 words minimum to 120 maximum) must accompany each entry.)

Size: Students are not limited by the size of the materials used. Paper, canvas, or art board is recommended. 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 the materials.

Digital Competition: This is a digital, online competition. Entries will be uploaded to www.lalinksinc.org/creativecompetitions. No physical entries will be accepted. To enter the competition, ***students and their parent/guardian must sign a release form*** that allows the Los Angeles (CA) Chapter, The Links Incorporated to reproduce and share the entry and provide details about each entrant. Winning selections will be submitted for the national Creative Competitions sponsored by The Links, Incorporated. If selected at the national level, winners will be notified by The Links Incorporated after announcement at The Links, Incorporated 45th National Assembly in June 2026.

Poster Information: Each poster entry must provide and display the information below on the back of the artwork/student form:

- Poster Title (this information will appear publicly)
- Student First Name (this information will appear publicly)
- Student Last Name
- Student Age
- Student Grade (this information will appear publicly)
- Poster Medium
- **Release form** signed by the student and their parent/guardian that allows reproduction and publication of the entry and details about each entrant.