



***Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
SAAM Youth Art Contest
April 2021***

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), **Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA)** presents the first annual **SAAM Youth Art Contest**, open to all middle and high school students in Boulder County.

Content Warning and Mandatory Reporting Disclaimer:

This contest is focused on the issue of sexual violence and prevention. While we are not soliciting personal stories related to sexual violence, they may come up. Please take care and if you need additional support, call MESA's 24-hour hotline at 303-443-7300, text BRAVE to 20121, or visit movingtoendsexualassault.org.

Individuals reviewing submissions are mandatory reporters. This means if your submission includes a personal story disclosing neglect or abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, verbal), or there is reason to believe you are in danger of hurting yourself or someone else, we are required by law to report this information to the appropriate agencies.

Primary goals of the SAAM Youth Art Contest:

- Inspire and empower youth to lead in the transformation from rape culture, which normalizes and encourages sexual violence, to consent culture that is based on consent, safety, and respect.
- Provide a safe space for young people to creatively express thoughts and ideas related to creating a culture around consent.
- Highlight the incredible skill and talent of local youth.

Subject Matter:

To be eligible for the contest, student entries must address topics related to sexual violence awareness and prevention. Submissions must address at least one of the following questions:

- What is your vision of consent culture?
- What can we as a community do to prevent sexual violence?
- How do we create safe online spaces?
- What can we do as a community to support survivors?

Works can build off the following themes: Challenging gender stereotypes, privilege & oppression, self-image and standards of beauty, respect, healthy relationships, consent, and boundary setting. To read more about these topics, visit movingtoendsexualassault.org/about.

Artwork:

- Students' artwork must be original.
- Submissions may include:



- Visual art, including photography, on an 12x18 surface or smaller.
- Written art up to 1500 words, including poems, short stories, and song lyrics.
- Songs and videos up to 3 minutes in MP3 format.
- Social media campaign portfolio, up to 5 graphics.
- Submissions should be emailed to info@movingtoendsexualassault.org. Image files must be at least 3000 pixels on one side.
- Submissions must be received by **April 30, 2021**. Late entries will not be judged.

Judging:

A panel of judges will select contest winners. Winners will be announced on May 12, 2021.

Submissions will be judged on the following elements:

- **Concept:** How well the work relates to the theme of sexual violence awareness and prevention.
- **Expression:** How creatively the work conveys an idea or emotion.
- **Technique:** How skillfully the artist uses tools and materials.

Prizes:

Awards will be given for first place for each type of medium (visual art, written art, social media campaign, songs/video).

- First place winners will receive gift cards to local businesses.
- Winners' work will be published on the MESA website and social media and will be featured in future MESA campaigns.
- Qualifying submissions will be showcased virtually during the month of May.