In today’s society there are all forms of violence - whether it be based on a person’s color, age, gender, sexual preference, economic status—the list goes on and on.

Help YWCA Tri-County Area (YW3CA) raise awareness of the need to combat discrimination and the violence and hate that comes with it in our community by creating an original piece of artwork. The contest this year offers several themes for students to focus artwork on: Indigenous People’s Day, Ending Gun Violence or Promoting Peace, Justice, Freedom and Dignity for All.

YW3CA Tri-County Area invites all 5th – 12th graders to enter our Week Without Violence Art Contest.

Have an Instagram or FB account? We’re empowering YOU to be a part of our social change movement!

Take a photo of your artwork and tag us online on Instagram or FB. Let your friends know you stand against violence by using the hashtag #YW3CAWWV in your post.

Submission deadline is Friday, October 11, 2019
The Basics

Week Without Violence is an annual movement where YWCA organizations across the country come together to raise awareness about the devastating effects of violence against girls and women around the globe.

Here at YW3CA we not only want to encourage students to focus on larger, country and world-wide issues, but also invite them to raise awareness and advocate for prejudicial-violence that is happening in their very own communities. We are using this week to raise awareness of the need to combat hate, violence, bigotry and racism that still exists and leads to violence in our communities.

We challenge the youth of today – talk about the social injustices you see around you – in your community and nationally. This year specifically we are encouraging participating students to focus artwork on three distinct themes: Indigenous People’s Day / Ending Gun Violence / Promoting Peace, Justice, Freedom & Dignity for All.

How can you create a piece of art that strives to honor the lives and importance of Native Indigenous Peoples? Perhaps you choose to learn more about the crisis of missing Indigenous Women, which affects some of the most vulnerable populations in our country.

Maybe you will create a piece of art that focuses on Gun Violence in our country or in your community. How can you create a piece that strives to raise awareness of the gun violence that takes place in our community?

At YW3CA, our mission: Promoting Peace, Justice, Freedom and Dignity for All is woven into every aspect of our day-to-day operations. Perhaps this is the theme your artwork takes on… how can your art encourage others to recognize that all people deserve to be treated equally?

Your artwork should use large lettering, few words, heavy lines and strong colors. Be sure to read all the Rules before entering, taking careful consideration to the submission guidelines and dates. Your artwork will be judged based on the following criteria: THEME, CREATIVITY, NEATNESS, ORIGINALITY, VISUAL EFFECTIVENESS.

The Prizes

A 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner will be selected from each age category: 5th—8th and 9th—12th. Winners will be announced & prizes will be awarded at the YW3CA Artist Reception, Tuesday, December 3, 2019. All participants & their families are invited to attend. ARTWORK WILL NOT BE RETURNED AND WILL REMAIN THE PROPERTY OF YW3CA AND MAY BE REPRODUCED.

In addition, top winners will have their artwork reproduced and included in our custom YW3CA stationary gift set.

Artwork will be on display at the YW3CA Week Without Violence Rally, Thursday, October 17th at YW3CA for first round of judging.

Questions? Contact Kristie Piacine, Youth Empowerment Program Manager, at 610-323-1888 ext. 253 or kpiacine@ywcatricountyarea.org