



2016 Dangers of Heroin Art Scholarship Contest

Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow announces that his office is hosting an art contest for high school students to raise awareness in our community about the deadly dangers of using heroin.

The contest, open to any student who attends a Will County high school, will provide valuable college scholarships for the three winners whose artwork best illustrates the horrific consequences of using heroin.

The First Place Winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship for a university, college, trade school or other post-high school educational institution. Second and Third Place Winners will receive \$2,000 and \$1,000 scholarships respectively.

In addition, the winning work will be reproduced and featured prominently in an updated version of State's Attorney Glasgow's Gang Awareness and Prevention Book, scheduled for release later in 2016. The First Place Winner's work will be placed on the entire back cover of the book.

Participating high schools must designate a school representative to coordinate submissions for the contest with the Will County State's Attorney's Office. High School art programs may incorporate the project into their curricula. Students also may work independently, provided their work is submitted through a designated school representative.

"The purpose of this contest is to involve our young people in raising awareness about the heroin scourge that is destroying so many lives and killing so many people, not just in Will County, but across our Nation," State's Attorney Glasgow said. "I hope participating students will first educate themselves about the horrendous dangers of using heroin, and then use their knowledge to create an original piece of artwork that drives home the message for people of all ages."

In Will County last year, 51 people died from heroin overdoses. It was the second highest number of heroin-related overdose deaths for a one-year period in the county's history. For the past six years, State's Attorney Glasgow has been working with organizations like HERO, HELPS, and the Southwest Coalition for Substance Abuse Issues to coordinate annual heroin education summits that seek solutions to the heroin epidemic.

The scholarships for the art contest will be funded through money seized from criminals who were engaged in narcotics trafficking. "I can think of no better way to spend money that otherwise would have been used to pump deadly poison onto our streets than to redirect these resources toward an educational campaign aimed directly at eliminating the market for heroin," State's Attorney Glasgow said. "The theme of this art contest is deadly serious. Any students who participate can say they contributed an important voice to this cause."

The deadline for submissions is **5 p.m. April 8, 2016**. Winners will be announced the week of April 25. See below for a complete list of contest rules.

RULES and GUIDELINES

2016 Dangers of Heroin Art Contest

- The competition is open to all students who attend a Will County high school.
- Only one entry per student; no group submissions
- Submissions may include **original** paintings, drawings, or computer-generated artwork.
- Photography will **not** be accepted.
- All entries must have a theme that conveys the horrific and deadly dangers of using heroin.
- All entry forms and submissions must be submitted by a designated school representative. *
- Deadline for submissions is **5 p.m. April 8, 2016**. Artwork received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- All submissions must be completely original, titled and suitable for public display.
- Submissions using copyrighted images or art must be automatically disqualified.
- All artwork must be capable of being reproduced to fit an 8-1/2" by 11" format.
- Computer-generated artwork also must also be capable of being reproduced to fit an 8-1/2" by 11" format with a resolution of 300 dpi.
- A completed entry form/cover sheet must accompany all submissions. The form is available below.
- Submissions will be judged and winners will be selected by the Will County State's Attorney's Office based on the strength of the message, originality, creativity, and relation to the theme. Submissions will be judged solely on their merits under these guidelines. Student names will be removed and entries will be coded prior to judging.
- **The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$3,000 scholarship for a university, college, trade school or other post-high school educational institution. Second and Third Place winners will receive a \$2,000 and \$1,000 scholarships respectively. See attached rules for scholarship redemption. ****
- The Grand Prize winner's submission will be publicly displayed on the full back cover of Will County State's Attorney James Glasgow's Gang Awareness & Prevention book. Second and Third Place winning submissions will be displayed inside the Gang Awareness and Prevention book. Artists will receive full credit in the book for their work.
- The Will County State's Attorney's Office may publicly reproduce any entry submitted under this program, including on Web sites, through social media, in press releases or in other forms without restriction. Entries will be distributed for non-commercial and educational purposes.
- The contest is not open to high school students whose parents, guardians or immediate family members are employees of the Will County State's Attorney's Office.
- All submissions will become property of the Will County State's Attorney's Office.
- Winners will be notified during the week of April 25. ***
- Please direct questions regarding the contest to Charles Pelkie at (815) 727-8789 or by email at cpelkie@willcountyllinois.com.

* **Designated School Representatives**

The designated school representative is responsible for the organization and submission of all student artwork to the Will County State's Attorney's Office. The designated school representative may register his/her school's participation online at willcountysao.com or by contacting cpelkie@willcountyillinois.com. **Students should not register online individually.** The Will County State's Attorney's Office will work directly with the designated school representative to coordinate the receipt of all artwork.

** **Scholarship Redemption**

Scholarship funding will be turned over to the winners' High School(s) or School District(s) to hold until the scholarship is redeemed by the student per the following rules: 1). All recipients must have graduated from high school or have received their general education diploma (G.E.D.) before redeeming a scholarship; 2). The High School or School District must issue payments directly to a university, college, trade school or other qualifying post-high school institution for tuition or education-related expenditures only; 3). No funding will be issued directly to individual winners, their family members or their legal guardians. 4). Winners must redeem their scholarships within two years of the date they receive their high school diploma or general educational diploma. 5). If a scholarship is not redeemed within the designated time frame, the high school or school district may apply the funding to another scholarship or school program, however these scholarships or programs **must** be related to drug awareness and prevention.

*** **Winner Notification**

The Will County State's Attorney's Office will announce scholarship winners during the week of April 25, exact time and location to be announced.



Student Entry Form/Cover Sheet

Student Name _____ Age ____

School _____

Current Academic Year _____

Designated Staff Representative _____

Title of Artwork _____

Tell Us A Little Bit About Your Artwork

(What Is The Medium, Discuss Your Theme, Explain The Process)

All art must be submitted to the Will County State's Attorney's Office by your school's designated staff representative. **Students should not submit artwork**