



MARICOPA COUNTY JUSTICE MUSEUM & LEARNING CENTER 10TH ANNUAL ART CONTEST

The 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence: Celebrating Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

Before Hamilton rapped about it, 56 brave Americans signed a document that created the country we hold dear. On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate 250 years of independence — a significant milestone in our nation’s history. In honor of this historic anniversary, this year’s art contest celebrates that singular document that announced our separation from England, the Declaration of Independence.

ART INSPIRATION IDEAS:

- Kids holding a scroll together
 - Fairness in everyday life
- “We the People” filled with diverse faces
 - Freedom growing like a tree
- A balance scale of freedom and fairness
- A bridge built from kindness and justice

AGES 5–12 (as of August 15, 2026)

- Hand-drawn artwork on white paper
 - 8.5” x 11” horizontal layout
 - Scanned at 300 dpi or higher
 - Saved as .jpg or .pdf
- Include one sentence about why the Declaration matters and 1–2 sentences explaining the artwork. Twelve winning entries will be featured on notecards and showcased at the Founders’ Breakfast.

AGES 13–18 (as of August 15, 2026)

- Submit a painting or drawing
 - 300 dpi or higher
 - .jpg or .pdf
- Include one sentence about why voices in democracy matter and 1–2 sentences explaining the artwork. Winning artwork will be displayed at the Museum.

DEADLINE: August 15, 2026

Submit completed entry form and artwork to: Lwilliams@maricopabar.org

OFFICIAL CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Calendar Artists: Ages 5–12 as of August 15, 2026

Museum Artists: Ages 13–18 as of August 15, 2026

Student Name: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____

Student School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

By submitting this form and the student's artwork, the student/artist and parent or legal guardian grant permission to the Maricopa County Justice Museum and Learning Center and the Maricopa County Bar Association (MCBA) to use the artwork in notecards and promotional materials without compensation.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____