

# COMMUNITY HUMAN VALUES FEST

## ELEMENTARY CONTEST

### About this Event

Human Values Fest is a family-centric festival celebrating five universal human values inherent in all of us: Love, Truth, Right Action, Peace and Non-Violence. The festival is hosted by the *Institute of Sathya Sai Education – USA*, with support from local schools and various community partners. It aims at expanding positivity, noble human qualities, sound character and the practice selfless service in our communities, while tapping into the natural goodness and creativity that exists in all children.

The festival and contest-entries are absolutely FREE to all and dedicated with love to our community. For contest details, please read below or contact us at: [www.humanvaluesfest.org](http://www.humanvaluesfest.org)

### Contest Themes

Works in any of the below categories must convey (closely relate) to one or more of the following themes:

- *Love for All*
- *Truth Shall Set You Free*
- *Doing Right in Every Action*
- *Becoming Peace*
- *Practicing Non-Violence*
- *Unity is Community*
- *Serving Humanity*

### Contest: Entry Categories

Category	Themes' Expression Through:	Group Size	Length
<b>Art/Mixed Medium</b>	Crafts, drawings, paintings, sculptures, etc.	No limit	1 piece
<b>Creative Writing</b>	Creative writing, poems, short stories, etc.	No limit	1 page / 12 pt.
<b>Dance/Drama</b>	Ballet, modern dance; Short skits, silent or spoken, etc.	No limit	3 mins
<b>Music</b>	Singing or instrumental: Individual or bands	No limit	3 mins
<b>Technology</b>	Computer creations, tech-art, robots, AI, STEM, apps, etc.	No limit	1 piece
<b>Visual Media</b>	Videos, animation, etc.	No limit	1 piece

### Contest: Participation Levels

- **Level One:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades
- **Level Two:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades
- **Level Three:** 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

### Contest: Submission Process

- **Deadline: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**
- Entries must be submitted digitally for evaluation through this Online Contest Form
- Upon notification by the Festival Committee, the original works will need to be physically delivered for final evaluation and festival readiness
- Works will be returned to their authors at the end of the Festival, with the option of donating them for charity works or loaning them for display at public locations, organizations or events.
- Organizers reserve the right to cancel the event and/or close contest entries at any time, depending on the level of participation. Participants will be notified accordingly.

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## Contest Rules

- **ART, CREATIVE WRITING, TECHNOLOGY AND VISUAL MEDIA works MUST BE originals.**
  - Children may obtain help from family, friends and teachers in developing the concept however, the final execution of the work must be done by the child/group independently
  - A thorough examination of the work, the rationale used and understanding of the value(s) expressed in the work will be assessed by the contest judges.
  - Copy or plagiarism will automatically disqualify any participants.
- **MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA works DO NOT need to be originals** and will be judged on interpretation and skill of delivery. **However, original works will be given special considerations in judging.**
- **Works cannot be political, divisive, controversial or negative in nature.** They must be inspirational; focused on positivity, upliftment and the expansion of unity in the community.
- **Children may participate in groups as desired.** There is no limit to the group size however, prizes for group works will be equally split among all group members.
- **There is NO limit to the number of entries that each child can submit within or across categories.**
- **All children submitting entries MUST be present at the Festival and Award Ceremony** to be award-eligible.
- **Finalists will perform/present their works on-stage and in front of a live audience during the Concert & Award Ceremony**
- All submitted works that meet the Contest Rules will be displayed for the general public's view during the *Human Values Festival* Exhibition.
- Participating children must practice the human values expressed in the Contest Themes. Behavior opposite to these values will result in exclusion from the contest.

## Awards

- Awards will be provided to the top works in each category, for each entry level. Top works will also be featured in public spaces and through local media outlets.
- Prizes for group works will be equally split among all group members.