2027 DONATE LIFE MONTH

Student Art Contest

In celebration of Donate Life Month in April 2027, Donate Life New York State (NYS) proudly again invites elementary, middle, high school and college/university students attending public and private schools in New York State to share their donation and transplantation perspective through art! Their artwork can help inspire others to increase organ, eye, and tissue donation in New York State and ensure a life-changing transplant for every New Yorker in need. This April's Donate Life Month theme is "Grow Hope. Share Life. Donate Life."

The contest opens 12:01 a.m. EST Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026 and runs through Monday, March 8, 2027. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Monday, March 8, 2027 and mailed to **Donate Life New York State, Attn: Student Art Contest, 185 Jordan Road, Troy, NY, 12180.**



Entries for 4th grade through 12th grade students must be submitted by a teacher or parent and include:

- Student's Full Name
- Grade Level
- Age
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number
- Email

Contest Categories (6):

- **Elementary:** 4th - 5th grades
- **Middle school:** 6th - 8th grades
- **High school:** 9th - 10th & 11th - 12th grades
- **College/University:** freshman – sophomores and junior - senior

Rules & Guidelines for Eligibility:

- Artwork dimensions should be **8.5 x 11 inches** (portrait or landscape orientations)
- Each student may submit **one** entry only.
- Artwork must be original (enhanced stock imagery will not qualify).
- The use of AI-generated art is not allowed. All entries must be the result of human artistic effort.
- Paint, pencil, marker, ink, charcoal, pastels, collage or graphic design and original digital creations.
- No submission with copyrighted material including logos, brand names, licensed or trademarked characters, images or names will be allowed.
- Students may use the Donate Life NYS logo for this artwork only. To ensure they are using the correct logo, visit **https://donatelifenys.org/student-art-contest-2027** to download the correct logo to use.
- Entries containing messaging should be direct and simple with legible artwork that is easy to interpret.
- Entries must not include a green ribbon.

Submissions will be judged by Donate Life NYS' Donation Advisory Council based on creativity, visual impact, artistic merit, and originality. Artwork submissions will hang throughout the corridor adjacent to the Legislative Office Building's "Well" in Albany during Donate Life Month. Winners and their families will be notified by **Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026**. Each student art contest winner will receive a $100 gift card and be recognized as part of a news conference to be held **Tuesday, April 6, 2027** in Albany. Donate Life NYS will mail the gift cards to those winners unable to attend the news conference.

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