

5th Annual

# Art Competition

**Theme:** "Ending Violence Against Women & Girls"

**Why?** To raise awareness about violence against women and to design artwork that could be used by the Shelter to promote communities of peace and respect.

**Who?** Rockland County High School Students

**Prize?** Winner: \$500.00 (targeted for educational purposes)  
Honorable Mention (5): \$100.00 each

Winner will be announced on April 28, 2008.  
In addition, the winning entrant's school, club or organization will receive a \$250 award.

**When?** Now through April 11, 2008

Questions? Call Tracy Brosnan 845-639-7800  
or Nikki Baker 845-634-3391

# ENTRY FORM

**Closing Date for Entries: Friday, April 11, 2008**

**Please Print:**

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Artists Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Artists First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Artists Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Artists Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Artists Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(not required—for reward notification purposes only)

Supervising Art Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Please use the space below to tell us about the artwork that you are submitting to this competition. You may wish to set out the thinking behind your concept. Please use a separate sheet if necessary.**

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**Entries will not be accepted unless both the student artist and his/her parent/guardian sign this entry form. Your signature below means that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this Rockland Family Shelter Student Art Competition as set forth in the Official Rules attached to this entry form.**

Artist Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Artist's Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS?**

Contact our volunteer contest coordinators, Tracy Brosnan (845-639-7800) or Nikki Baker (845-634-3391)

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# OFFICIAL RULES

**Closing Date for Entries: Friday, April 11, 2008**

## ELIGIBILITY

All students in grades 9-12 at a public or private school in Rockland County, New York.

## ARTWORK

1. The artwork may be a drawing, painting, photography or other medium suitable for reproduction on posters, clothing and other merchandising items.
2. The artwork should be a minimum of 4" x 6" (suitable for greeting cards, mugs, etc.) and a maximum of 16" x 22" (suitable for tee shirts, posters, etc.).
3. All artwork entries must be of original design and the artist must be the sole owner of and have all rights to the artwork submitted.
4. The artwork may not have been used by any individual or other organization for any other purpose.
5. Artwork should not contain the text of the competition theme. Only text that is part of the design of the artwork should be included in the artwork itself.
6. Each artist may submit up to three entries. The artist's name should not appear on the front of the artwork.

## AWARDS:

1. The winning artwork will receive \$500
2. Each of the five artists recognized for honorable mention will receive \$100
3. The school, club or organization in which the winning artist attends will receive a \$250 award to be used by the school, club, or organization.

## COMPETITION THEME/BACKGROUND:

The theme of the Rockland Family Shelter Student Art Competition is: *Ending Violence Against Women & Girls*. Domestic (DV) or intimate partner violence (IPV) is a historically rooted social pattern that grows out of and supports gender inequity. Most IPV victims are female. DV appears as tactics and behaviors used by an intimate partner or ex-partner to control & intimidate his or her partner. Tactics may include emotional, physical, financial and sexual abuse. IPV occurs in heterosexual and same sex relationships.

- Battering is the single major cause of injury to women, more frequent than auto accidents, muggings and rapes combined. Approximately 95% of the victims of domestic violence are women.
- In the United States, a woman is more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped or killed by a her intimate partner than by any other type of assailant.
- According to the American Medical Association, nearly one-quarter of women in the United States, more than 12 million women, will be abused by a current or former intimate partner during their lives.
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reports that 50% of female homicide victims are killed by their husbands or boyfriends.

## HOW TO ENTER:

1. Submit the artwork entry along with a completed Rockland Family Shelter Student Art Competition Entry Form to the teacher or advisor at your school, club or organization who is supervising your entries.
2. Make sure the name of the artist and school is printed on the back of each artwork entry.
3. The entry form must be signed by both the artist and the parent/guardian and submitted no later than Friday, April 11, 2008.
4. When submitting multiple pieces of artwork, please attach an entry form to each piece.

## WHAT MAKES A GOOD POSTER?

1. Short catchy message than can be interpreted in 10 seconds
2. Colors and white space to grab viewer's attention
3. Creative design that captures the essence of the theme
4. Large pictures that convey a powerful anti-violence theme

## JUDGING

Judges for the Rockland Family Shelter Student Art Competition will include local artists, RFS staff, student volunteers and/or Board members and volunteers. Their decisions will be based on the following:

1. Does the design captures the competition theme?
2. Originality
3. Adaptability of the design for marketing and merchandising purposes.

*The winners of the art competition will be announced on April 28, 2008. Winners will be notified in writing.*

## RETURN OF ARTWORK

The winning artwork and honorable mention artwork will become the sole property of RFS and will not be returned to the artist. By entering the RFS Student Art Competition, each artist irrevocably assigns and transfers to RFS all past present and future rights, title and interest, including but not limited to any copyright in his/her artwork if such artwork is selected as the winning entry or for honorable mention. The winning and honorable mention artwork may be used for promotional purposes. However, RFS is not obligated to use the winning or honorable mention artwork in any way. If students want their artwork returned please indicate so. RFS will make every attempt to return all those to the artist by delivering it to the supervising teacher/advisor.

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