



Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

Invites you to participate in the

2017 Inclusion Awards Creative Expression Contest

“Maine Developmental Disabilities Council is committed to creating a Maine in which all people are valued and respected because we believe communities are stronger when everyone is included.”

The MDDC Inclusion Awards provide awards to schools, teachers, and high school students who demonstrate an exceptional concept of a world in which all people are valued members of the community.

The 2017 Creative Expression Contest asks students to respond to the question:

How does the full inclusion of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in all aspects of community life (school, work, recreation, etc.) benefit the community and its members?

Creative Expression Mediums:

Using the question above as inspiration, students are encouraged to create and submit a piece of original work in any of the following mediums:

- **Visual Art:** painting, drawing, sculpture, etc. *(initial submission of visual art will be by photos of the artwork. Top ranked pieces will then need to be submitted in their original format.)*
- **Creative Writing:** short stories, poetry, scripts, etc. *(submitted in text format)*
- **Audio/Visual/Media:** musical composition, video, animation, etc. *(submitted in electronic format)*

Open to: High school Juniors and Seniors residing in Maine.

Entry Deadline: February 15, 2017 at midnight EST

Awards:

First Place	\$1,000
Second Place	\$750
Third Place	\$500
Honorable Mention	\$250
Teacher of the student awarded first place	\$500
School with the highest percentage of eligible students submitting entries	\$2,500

Entry Submissions:

- Each individual can submit up to 3 unique entries.
- Entrants must include an official entry form for each piece of work submitted.
- Entries are to be submitted either:
 - Electronically to: maineddcom@gmail.com or
 - By mail to: Maine Developmental Disabilities Council,
225 Western Ave, Suite 4, Augusta, ME 04330

For more information and full contest rules,
visit www.maineddc.org or email erin.howes@maine.gov