



## **36<sup>th</sup> Annual Erica Grossman High School Visual Arts Contest**

This annual contest is intended to raise awareness across Connecticut high schools about organ and tissue donation, the importance of becoming a registered donor, and the opportunities for living donation. With most Connecticut students applying for their driver's license or state ID at the age of 16, it is important for them to be prepared to make an educated decision when asked whether they want to be a registered donor at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). In addition, living donation has risen dramatically in recent years and offers another choice for transplant candidates. Teachers are encouraged to have students participate in this contest to learn about the importance of organ donation, while also having fun!

### **Eligibility**

Any Connecticut High School student in grades 9-12 including public, private, magnet, and parochial schools.

### **Submission Options**

- Poster
  - Created with paint, pencil, charcoal, pastels, marker, etc.\*
- Computer-generated design\*
- Photography\*
- Video
  - 60 seconds or less
  - Submitted via mail on CD or DVD or via email to [dlct@donatelifect.org](mailto:dlct@donatelifect.org)

\* Size is limited to 17"x 25" printed or 25MB via email. Do not fold, matte, laminate, or frame.

### **Guidelines**

- **Must use the Donate Life Connecticut logo.** Submissions without the Donate Life Connecticut logo **WILL NOT** be considered during the judging.
- Must include simple, direct slogans or phrasing with legible and easy to understand artwork.
- Apart from the DLC logo, no copyrighted material of any kind can be used and will result in automatic disqualification.
- Submission must contain the phrase "Organ and Tissue Donation," "Organ and Tissue Donor," "Living Donor," or "Living Donation," and must be an original work created by the student.
- All submissions are due by May 1, 2026. Submissions should be submitted electronically to [dlct@donatelifect.org](mailto:dlct@donatelifect.org) or mailed to Donate Life CT, PO Box 304, Andover, CT 06232. The Submission Form must be included with all submissions and can be downloaded at <https://www.donatelifect.org>.

### **Judging and Awards**

- Judges will select winners from eligible submissions based on criteria, merit, and use of theme.
- Winners will be honored at an award ceremony at the Capitol Building in May on a date TBD.
- Cash prizes will be awarded for winning submissions.
- A prize will be awarded to the teacher of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner.

Please visit [www.DonateLifeCt.org](http://www.DonateLifeCt.org) for more information and to download the submission form.