**2018 Theme:** "World of Wonders"

**Deadline:** Monday, April 16, 2018

**Prizes:**

* There are three prizes in each of three age categories, nine prizes in all.
* Age categories are 5-8, 9-12, and 13-18.
* The following prizes will be awarded in each age category: 1st place: $500 2nd place: $250 3rd place: $100
* All nine winners will be honored at the Youth Awards Ceremony in the summer 2018.

**Eligibility:**

* All U.S. Foreign Service youth between the ages 5-18 are eligible to participate, except those whose parents are FSYF Directors or employees. For the purposes of the contest, the term Foreign Service youth applies to dependents of U.S. citizens who are employed by U.S. foreign affairs agencies, eligible for overseas assignment and report to Chief of Mission when at Post. For complete eligibility guidelines go to: [www.fsyf.org/Benefits](http://www.fsyf.org/Benefits)

**Entry Fee:**

* $20 per entry. A contestant may submit only one entry per contest. Checks should accompany the artwork and be made payable to Foreign Service Youth Foundation or FSYF.
* Entry is free for members of families with current membership in the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) by the time of submission. To join FSYF, go to: [www.fsyf.org](http://www.fsyf.org/).

**Artwork Specifications**

* Artwork must address the given theme.
* Only flat media will be accepted.
* Any medium (pastel, watercolor, oil, pencil, crayon, digital art, etc.) is acceptable.
* Submissions must be entirely or essentially the artist’s original work.  Found material such as bits of wallpaper, photographs or printed matter may be used, e.g., in a collage, but must be presented in an original way in the context of an essentially new composition.
* Dimensions of submitted work may not exceed 22” x 28”.

**Use of Artwork**

* Artwork will become the property of FSYF and/or SDFCU and will not be returned to artist. FSYF may use submitted artwork in FSYF-related publicity or products and retains the right to sell the artwork for fund-raising purposes.

**Submitting Artwork:**

* All entries, including digital artwork, MUST be mailed. Artwork must ARRIVE by the stated deadline of April 15, 2016. (Please allow for diplomatic pouch and DPO transit time)
* A completed Entry Form MUST accompany the artwork and be attached to the back of the submission.
* Artwork and Entry Forms must be mailed to: **FSYF Art Contest**

**5016 Red Fox Drive**

**Annandale, VA 22003**

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**ENTRY FORM**

Last Name: First Name: 🞎 Male 🞎 Female

Age: Grade: School:

Email: Current Post:

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Agency of Employment: Official USG Email:

Parent Personal Email:

Mailing Address:

My family is a member of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation. 🞎 Yes 🞎 No

If you answered “No” above, please choose one of the following responses:

🞎 My family is not yet a member but we have completed the membership application and submitted payment.

🞎 No, my family is not a member of FSYF. We do not wish to join at this time. A $20 entry fee is enclosed.

Artist’s Age Category: 🞎 5 – 8 years old 🞎 9 – 12 years old 🞎 13-18 years old

Title of Artwork Submission:

Medium (e.g. acrylic, watercolor, pencil, pastel, ink, etc.):

What would you like to tell the judges about your artwork? (Optional)

*Pledge of Originality:*

I affirm that the art I am submitting to the 2016 FSYF Art Contest is my own original work. I understand that my artwork will become the property of FSYF to use at its discretion, that it will not be returned to me, and that the judges’ decisions are final.

Signature of Artist:

***Parent Permission:***

**By signing this, I agree to allow the State Department Federal Credit Union (SDFCU) and the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF), to use, publish and/or sell the original artwork that I have submitted to the FSYF Art Contest, and to use my child's name to identify the creator of the artwork. I release SDFCU and FSYF from any claims that occur in connection with the use of the original artwork. SDFCU and FSYF assume no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork.**

**Name of Parent or Guardian (printed):**

Signature of parent or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_