

StriveTogether Art Inspires Scholarship

StriveTogether launched the Art Inspires Scholarship in spring 2018 to support student artists in their educational journeys. Students created artwork that reflected StriveTogether's [core values](#): community, courage, equity, progress and results. Five winners received a \$1,000 scholarship and now have their artwork displayed in StriveTogether's Cincinnati headquarters. Learn more about the 2018 Art Inspires Scholarship winners at the links below:

- [Amaia Johnson](#) – Memphis, TN
- [Camille Richmond](#) – Charleston, SC
- [Denzel Chase](#) – Memphis, TN
- [Lauren DeMarco](#) – Charleston, SC
- [Shani Salinas](#) – Racine County, WI

This year, to help additional students pay for their schooling and associated costs, StriveTogether is launching the scholarship again, searching for more creative students to receive this prize and for more original artwork to exhibit in our offices. The artwork created will inspire StriveTogether staff and partners each day as they work to achieve the organization's [vision](#): the success of every child from cradle to career.

At our [2018 national conference](#), we were inspired by Christian Paige, a talented spoken word poet, first-generation college student and educator. At the conference, he performed two poems. His poem "[Trees](#)" speaks of supporting and empowering youth — "watering seeds" — to grow community change. His poem "[The Eyes of Your Enemy](#)" challenges communities to act urgently to support their children. Learn more by reading Christian's guest [blog](#). Applicants will be asked to create a work of art that reflects a theme from one of Christian's poems.

Applications must be submitted by Friday, May 10, 2019. Scholarship winners will be notified by Wednesday, May 29, 2019, and will receive their award upon receipt of proof of enrollment at an eligible postsecondary institution and submission of their artwork to the local Cradle to Career Network partnership. In addition to the scholarship award, StriveTogether will cover costs to ship the selected artwork to its offices.

Selection Criteria

A qualified judging panel, as selected at StriveTogether's sole discretion, will select up to ten (10) submitted works of art based on the following criteria:

- Creativity and aesthetics
- Ability to convey your interpretation of one of the spoken word poems by Christian Paige ("Trees" or "The Eyes of Your Enemy")
- The work's ability to inspire change in communities to ensure the success of every child

Eligibility

To be eligible to submit a work of art for the chance to receive a scholarship, students must:

- Be a U.S. resident.
- Be a current senior at a Qualifying High School or be enrolled as an undergraduate at a postsecondary institution (such as a university, college or community college) for classes in fall 2019. That high school or postsecondary institution must be [in a community where there is currently a StriveTogether partnership \(see Application Form for a list of eligible communities\)](#).
- Be willing to permanently donate their work of art to StriveTogether to be displayed in one of its offices.
- Be willing to be featured in StriveTogether and local partnership communications.
- Be willing to give a brief post-winning interview with our communications team for additional information.

In the event an entrant is a minor, such minor entrant's parent or guardian must sign the scholarship application and any other required documents.

Members of the Board of Directors, officers and employees of StriveTogether, Inc., and the family members of, and any persons residing with, any such persons, are not eligible to enter or to win. The term "family members" includes spouses, parents, grandparents, siblings, children, grandchildren and in-laws, regardless of where they live.

For full Official Terms and Conditions, visit: <https://www.strivetgether.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Art-Inspires-2019-terms-and-conditions-FINAL.pdf>

Submission Instructions

Applications must be submitted by May 10, 2019, to info@strivetogether.org. A complete application includes:

- A work of art that interprets “Trees” or “The Eyes of Your Enemy” by Christian Paige*
 - Watch “Trees” [at this link](#)
 - Read the text of “Trees” [at this link](#)
 - Watch “The Eyes of Your Enemy” [at this link](#)
 - Read the text of “The Eyes of Your Enemy” [at this link](#)
- Scholarship application form with applicant information
- A video explaining the work of art
- 2–5 photos of the work of art
- A two-part essay
- Proof of intent to attend or current enrollment in a postsecondary institution (e.g., a letter of acceptance from such postsecondary institution)
- A signature page (scanned separately)

**Note: While you must create your work of art prior to the submission deadline, you do not need to mail in the physical artwork until you are notified that you have been selected as a winner.*

Thank you for your art and your inspiration! Good luck!

About StriveTogether

StriveTogether leads a national movement of 70 communities to get better results in every child’s life. We coach and connect local partnerships across the country to close gaps, especially for children of color and low-income children. Communities using our proven approach have seen measurable gains in kindergarten readiness, academic achievement and postsecondary success. The StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network reaches 10.5 million students, involves 10,800 organizations and has partners in 30 states and Washington, D.C. To learn more, visit strivetogether.org.

StriveTogether Art Inspires Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Current grade/year in school:

High school senior College freshman College sophomore College junior College senior Other (please explain): _____

Current or intended major: _____

Birth date (Month/Date/Year): ____/____/____

**What high school do you attend or did you graduate from?
(Please include its name and address.)**

**What university, college, community college or other postsecondary institution do you currently attend as an undergraduate or will you attend as an undergraduate in fall 2019?
(Please include its name and address.)**

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must have attended high school or a postsecondary institution in one of the following locations where there is a StriveTogether partnership. Please select the community (or communities) where you attend/attended high school or college:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Birmingham, AL | <input type="checkbox"/> Boston, MA | <input type="checkbox"/> Toledo, OH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tucson, AZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Rapids, MI | <input type="checkbox"/> Warren, OH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flagstaff, AZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Lenawee County, MI | <input type="checkbox"/> Tulsa, OK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phoenix, AZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Austin, MN | <input type="checkbox"/> Ardmore, OK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monterey County, CA | <input type="checkbox"/> Rochester, MN | <input type="checkbox"/> Multnomah County, OR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fresno County, CA | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Wing, MN | <input type="checkbox"/> Redmond, OR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marin County, CA | <input type="checkbox"/> Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN | <input type="checkbox"/> Spartanburg County, SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego, CA | <input type="checkbox"/> Northfield, MN | <input type="checkbox"/> Charleston, SC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adams County, CO | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Cloud, MN | <input type="checkbox"/> Memphis, TN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterbury, CT | <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia, MO | <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas County, TX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridgeport, CT | <input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque, NM | <input type="checkbox"/> Austin, TX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Norwalk, CT | <input type="checkbox"/> Albany, NY | <input type="checkbox"/> Bexar County, TX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stamford, CT | <input type="checkbox"/> Geneva, NY | <input type="checkbox"/> Rio Grande Valley, TX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Washington, D.C. | <input type="checkbox"/> New York, NY | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Lake City, UT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Escambia County, FL | <input type="checkbox"/> North Country Region, NY | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond, VA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlanta, GA | <input type="checkbox"/> Rochester, NY | <input type="checkbox"/> Bellevue, WA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hilo, HI | <input type="checkbox"/> South Bronx, NY | <input type="checkbox"/> Spokane County, WA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocatello, ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Alamance County, NC | <input type="checkbox"/> Tacoma, WA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boise, ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Winston-Salem, NC | <input type="checkbox"/> South King County and South Seattle, WA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Park/River Forest, IL | <input type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati, OH | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Bay, WI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicago, IL | <input type="checkbox"/> Columbus, OH | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenosha, WI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Berea, KY | <input type="checkbox"/> Montgomery County, OH | <input type="checkbox"/> Racine, WI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newport/Covington, KY | <input type="checkbox"/> Summit County, OH | <input type="checkbox"/> Milwaukee, WI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shreveport, LA | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baltimore, MD | | |

Work of Art

Create a work of art that expresses your interpretation of “[Trees](#),” or “[The Eyes of your Enemy](#),” two of Christian Paige’s spoken word poems about community change.

Your art should fit one of the following categories. Please select:

- Small wall art: Maximum 15 in tall x 18 in wide
- Medium wall art: Maximum 30 in tall x 25 in wide
- Large wall art: Maximum 40 in tall x 45 in wide
- Sculpture (tabletop or floor): Maximum 8 in x 8 in base and 15 in tall

Indicate the dimensions of your artwork in inches: Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Video

Please create a video of you and your work of art. In the video, make sure it is clearly visible and answer the following questions:

- What are some themes you personally connect to when watching Christian’s spoken poem?
- How did you express that in your work of art?

The video should be brief (3 minutes or fewer). It does not need to be professionally recorded; a video from a phone, tablet or camera will suffice.

Please upload the video to a file-sharing website of your choice (YouTube, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.) and insert the link here:

(Note: If you are sharing the file in a private folder on Google Drive or Dropbox, please ensure the positions are set so that “anyone with the link can view” to enable us to see the video.)

Photos

Insert (and attach to your email) 2-5 photos of your art. These photos can show both the full work of art as well as closeups/details.

Essay

Question 1: What are your career goals? What are your current educational plans and how will they help you achieve your career aspirations? (500 words or fewer)

Question 2: What are some themes you personally connect to in your selected spoken word poem, “Trees” or “The Eyes of your Enemy”? How did you express that in your work of art?

Proof of Intent to Attend Postsecondary

Please attach proof of your current enrollment in or intent to attend a postsecondary institution in fall 2018. Examples include a college acceptance letter, current postsecondary transcript showing expected graduation date or a postsecondary coursework schedule.

Signature

By submitting this application, I certify that this work of art is my own and that the information submitted in my application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if selected, I am required to permanently assign all right, title and interest in my work of art to StriveTogether, Inc., in exchange for the scholarship and that my work of art, my likeness or aspects of my application (such as essay or video) may be featured in StriveTogether communications when publicizing the scholarship winners.

Printed Student Name:

Student's Signature:

(Please print, sign, scan and attach this page separately from the rest of your application so that the photos and links included on previous pages are clearly readable and visible.)

For Minor Entrants:

By submitting this application, I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the person named above, and I agree to the terms of this Scholarship Application and the Official Terms and Conditions on his/her behalf:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:
