

# Hope & Justice Category

## Judging Form

---

**Dear Judge,**

We encourage you to seek personal support if you become troubled by the content of this category. If you experience an emotional crisis, please reach out to the **Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by calling 988** or the **CalHOPE Warm Line by calling (833) 317-HOPE (4673)**.

The entries you are judging are submissions in the Hope and Justice category. Entries in this category deal with a variety of topics including mental health, suicide prevention, social justice and other complex topics that need to be addressed with compassion and knowledge.

For this category we asked youth to communicate about what they are feeling, increase knowledge about an issue or take a stand against injustice, or share their perspective in a way that gives others a glimpse into their lives. While some youth submit entries share ideas for solutions to the issues of concern, others used this as an opportunity to process their feelings in a therapeutic way.

We welcome all types of submissions. In our submission criteria, we remind youth that whatever message they choose, their submissions need to be thoughtful and respectful. We asked youth to be honest about their feelings, but to be sure their entries convey that they are coming from a place of cultural humility and has the intent to further understanding and constructive dialogue about social justice and change. So, as a judge please score each of these entries based on how well they conveyed their messages and followed these guidelines.

At any point if you are experiencing technical difficulties with the website, or have questions regarding the category, please email [Shanti@DirectingChange.org](mailto:Shanti@DirectingChange.org) or call (619) 786-5622.

In advance, we appreciate your time.


**Key Messaging Scoring Measures  
(Total Points Possible 100)**

Overall, how well does the submission answer the required theme?

**Please consider the accompanying description from the youth artist when determining your scores.**


**Hope:** Feeling hopeful can help reduce feelings of helplessness, increase happiness, reduce stress, and encourage us to keep going when things are tough. What is your source of hope? What helps you get through tough times. What do you see in the world or people around you that gives you hope?



**Justice:** What does treating people equally and fairly look like? What justice and social justice issues do you see in the world today and how can you educate others about them and what we can do to take a stand against injustice? Share your thoughts on actions that people can take to create the change they wish to see in their communities and the world.

 Award up to 25 points  
(\_\_\_\_points)

How well did the submission educate, inspire or share a unique message with the audience?

Art can be used to influence change through education, connection or inspiration. While this scoring measure is highly subjective the goal of this is to consider how this submission provided you with new information, provided you with a new perspective, made you feel, or connected with you personally.

 Award up to points 25  
(\_\_\_\_points)

<p>Considering the format of the project, please rate the overall effort, originality, and thought you believe the youth put into creating their project. <i>(Note: Please also consider the age of the participant, as ages range from middle school age to 25 years old).</i></p>	<p> Award up to 25 points (____points)</p>
<p>Rate the overall composition and craftsmanship of the submission. How well did the youth’s care, effort, and craftsmanship come together to produce a successful submission?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If a film or TikTok – consider the focus, exposure, audio clarity, use of graphics and/or special effects, pacing and flow.</li> <li>- If a painting, digital art, sketch, comic, animation, or other 2-D art – consider the skill in use of line, color, form, texture, perspective, visual rhythm, etc.</li> <li>- If a radio PSA – consider the pace, clarity of messaging, use of music or sound effects, overall flow of script, etc.</li> <li>- If original music – consider the clarity, rhythm, musical and/or mechanical skill, phrasing, etc.</li> <li>- If a blog, poem, spoken word, essay or other narrative – consider the structure, grammar, word choice, flow, rhyme scheme, expressiveness, etc.</li> </ul>	<p> Award up to 25 points (____points)</p>
<p><b>Total Key Messaging Score</b> (Points Possible 100)</p>	

