2026-2027
Dolores Huerta Education Award Program
Criteria & Eligibility
VISUAL ARTS

Award Program Description

The Dolores Huerta Education Award Program provides recognition for educators and their students who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles embraced by Dolores Huerta. The Award Program honors this great leader and ensures that the spirit of her work continues in the classrooms of California.

Award Criteria for Visual Arts

Participants **must** show evidence of how one or more of the below principles are evident in their lives.

Entries must focus on one or more of the following principles of Dolores Huerta's legacy:

- Principles of nonviolence
- Self-determination through unionization (forming and joining unions)
- Social justice for farmworkers
- Safe food/health/environmental issues
- Human and civil rights issues
- Teamwork, cooperation, collaboration, and/or service to others
- Empowerment of the disenfranchised
- Innovation and education

Eligibility for Visual Arts

- The individual student **must** be enrolled at and attend the same school or campus as the sponsoring CTA member.
- Grade levels include:
    - Pre-K, Transitional Kindergarten - K (artwork only)
    - First - Second grade
    - Third - Fourth grade
    - Fifth - Sixth grade
    - Seventh - Eighth grade
    - Ninth - Twelfth grade
    - Higher Education (Undergraduates only)
- We encourage applications from all students including Special Ed, Alternative Ed, ELL, etc.
- Submissions that do not meet the criteria will be ineligible.

Format of Visual Art

- Two-dimensional ONLY
- Sizes can range from 8 ½" x 11" to 18" x 24"
- Provide student's typed or written explanation, not to exceed 200 words, as to how the artwork addresses one or more of the above principles. Pre-K, Transitional Kindergarten through second grade students may have their responses transcribed.
- Ensure correct grammar and spelling for the explanation

Forms of Visual Art

- Mixed media accepted
- Drawings in pencil, pastel, ink, chalk, and/or charcoal
  (For entries using chalk, artwork must be received with sealant in order to preserve the piece.)
- Paintings in watercolor, oil, tempera, acrylic and/or airbrush
- Posters in block or silk screen printings
- Collages
- Digital Art/Original computer-generated art (Must provide what program was used to make digital art)

Please note the following:

- Artwork must be clearly labeled on the back with the applicant's name, grade, school, and sponsoring CTA
  member's name.

Standards Definition

Mixed media is a work of art which more than one type of art material is used to create the finished piece.

Collage is an artistic composition made of various materials (i.e., paper, cloth, wood) and glued on a surface.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Application forms are available online at: www.cta.org/huerta-awards
- Any submission can be reproduced for promotion purposes.

Deadline:

Each entry **must** be submitted with a separate application and **must** be received by **Friday, March 5, 2027**.

SEND ENTRIES TO:

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