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Poster Contest



Hey High School Students!
Engage in the civic process!
Win cash and prizes!
Have your art work displayed!

Did you know that there is a non-presidential primary coming up in March? Did you know that early voting starts in February?

With our partners at Common Cause, we will be running a large get out the vote campaign starting in early February. As part of that effort, we want to have posters and flyers that we can pass out in each neighborhood highlighting where early voting locations will be. We want you to help! Come up with an original design or art work that reflects your community and the importance of making your voice heard through voting. Then submit it to us either electronically or through mail.

The chosen works will win prizes, including \$100 for first place, and will be on display at “The Art of Activism”, a Common Cause / National Museum of Mexican Art event on February 21st.

Send your original designs or art work to Illinois@commoncause.org or Common Cause at 205 W Randolph St #1220, Chicago, IL 60606.

Artist should keep in mind that we will need to add the dates (February 8th – March 19th) of early voting, as well as the early voting location once those are released. Works can either incorporate that into the piece or leave blank spaces for it to be added.

Entry deadline is February 9th.



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Did you know that less than 18% of Chicagoans who were registered to vote actually did so in the last non-presidential primary? There are a lot of things we do very well in Chicago, but turning out to vote isn't one of them. And there is a non-presidential primary coming up this winter, with early voting starting on February 8th.

We want to make sure people turn out to vote, because we believe in the importance of civic engagement for a healthy democracy. As part of our get out the vote effort, we'll be putting up posters and handing out flyers letting people know where their local early voting location is. And that is where our poster contest comes in.

Our poster contest is open to all high school students in Illinois. The theme is making your voice heard in your community. We are looking for poster designs or artwork that highlight the diversity of neighborhoods and the importance of voting in each. Some additional guidelines:

- Designs or art work need to be original work created by the student.
- There is no particular size requirement, although final printed posters will be 11 x 17.
- The dates of early voting are February 8th to March 19th. Students can incorporate these dates into their poster, or leave space for it to be added.
- We will need to be able to add early voting locations to the poster once those are released by the Board of Elections. Space should be left for this as well.
- This contest is non-partisan and not affiliated with any campaign, so entries should be as well. Work that supports a political party or candidate will be disqualified.

The winning entry will win \$100 from Common Cause. Second through fifth place will receive art sets and other prizes. The top five entries will be displayed at the National Museum of Mexican Art on February 21st our Art as Activism event. Finally, winning designs will be used on posters and flyers throughout Chicago as we advertise early voting.

Electric files can be submitted to Illinois@commoncause.org. Posters can also be mailed, or delivered, to the Common Cause office at 205 W. Randolph St, Suite 1220, Chicago, IL 60606.

Who are we? Common Cause Illinois is a nonpartisan watchdog group whose mission is to promote open, ethical, and accountable government at the local, state, and national levels by educating and mobilizing the people of Illinois. Be Heard, Vote! is a campaign started by community organizers in Chicago to mobilize volunteers across the city for get out the vote efforts.

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