

2022 Women History Month Art Competition

Theme: "Women Warriors - Providing Healing, Promoting Hope"

Official Contest Rules

Sponsors:

The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy Hanoi

Objectives:

Theme: "Women Warriors - Providing Healing, Promoting Hope" - Women's History Month is a celebration of the often-overlooked contributions of women to society. As a tribute to the ceaseless work of dedicated scientists, community leaders, frontline workers, and caregivers during the ongoing pandemic and also as a recognition of the many ways that women have provided both healing and hope, the American Center Hanoi will open the **Women Warriors Art Competition**. Create an original drawing/painting or take a photograph to honor the woman warrior who has inspired you with her dedication, innovation, or inspirational leadership.

Top submissions will win prizes!

Contest Timeline:

- Submission period is from **February 12, 2022** to **March 13, 2022**.
- Judging period is from **March 14 to 28, 2022**.
- Winning entry announcement and awards ceremony in **April, 2022**

Submission Guidelines:

- Submit artwork to <https://tinyurl.com/acartcompetition> before March 13, 2022
- Maximum of two (2) images per entry
- Each submission must include: **Title, Description (50-60 words caption/brief story) , Location, and Date** the photo was taken (Month and Year) in **English** or with an **English translation**.
- Images must be an original artwork/photograph. Use of any materials that violate copyright regulations will be grounds for disqualification.
- All entries are final. Once submitted, artwork/photographs may not be modified, edited, or replaced.
- Individual contestants may only submit a single contest entry.

Platform(s) :

Contest winners and related contest content may be announced and promoted on various social media platforms including the websites and Facebook pages of the U.S. Mission in Vietnam. Contest entry and registration will take place on **Zoho**.

NOTE: By entering the contest, contestants grant the U.S. Mission permission to use all images for non-commercial purposes on our website and social media pages, in publications, and for future programs, etc.

Participation in this contest is deemed as acceptance of Official Contest Rules.

Content Requirements:

- a. Submissions must not contain obscenity, explicit sexual material, nudity, profanity, graphic violence, calls or incitement to violence, commercial solicitation or commercial promotion. Submissions must conform to local law and must not contain content or images that could be considered abusive, inflammatory, denigrating, or disrespectful to any of the Contest Sponsors, or to any groups, individuals or institutions. Submissions must adhere both in appearance and in fact to the norms of civil discourse. In other words, the content of all submissions must be suitable for a global, public audience.
- b. Submissions must be original content created by the contestant and must not contain any elements that are protected by someone else's copyright or otherwise subject to third party intellectual property or proprietary rights, including privacy and publicity rights (except as expressly permitted below in (d)). Contest Sponsors recognize no allowance for "fair use" of copyrighted material, nor do Contest Sponsors recognize allowance for use of licensed materials created or owned by a third party.
- c. Contest Sponsors reserve the right to disqualify, at their sole and absolute discretion, any submission that does not adhere to these criteria and to the intent and substance of these Official Contest Rules.
- d. In the event of any question or difference of views regarding compliance with, interpretation, or application of these content requirements or other provisions of these Official Contest Rules, Contest Sponsors reserve the exclusive right to resolve such questions or differences of views in their sole discretion.
- e. By submitting a photograph to the contest, the contestant affirms that he or she has obtained written consent from all individuals whose image or likeness appears in the photograph (or from the individuals' parent/legal guardian if any such individuals are considered a minor in their country of residence), and that he or she has obtained the necessary rights, licenses, consents, and permissions to use all material such as music, images, text and other content in the submission. The contestant further affirms that he or she is prepared to provide reliable

documentation of any and all such consents, licenses, etc., upon request. Failure to obtain such rights, license consents, and permissions may result in the disqualification of the photo submission at the Contest Sponsors' sole and absolute discretion.

Technical Image Requirements:

Photo submission:

- a. Photographs must be in **JPEG** format, a maximum file size of **5 MB**, but a minimum photo size of **2048 pixels**.
- b. Images should not have any visible watermarks, signatures, or personally identifiable information.
- c. **Retouching of Photos:** submitted images cannot be significantly retouched; nothing in the photograph (people, animals, scenery, objects, etc.) may be altered, removed, augmented, or rearranged. Cropping is permitted, as is modest darkening or lightening of parts of the image.

Drawing submission:

- a. All artwork must be submitted as a digital file, saved in either .jpg or .png format. Files must be no larger than 5 MB in size. The original artwork can be created in all types of media, including digital “painting”.
- b. Your art must be your own original concept and not a copy of anyone else’s copyrighted material.

Eligibility:

- a. Contestants must be at least 8 years old on the date of entry into the contest. Eligible contestants under the age of 14 years must have parental or legal guardian consent to participate in the photo essay contest.
- b. Contestants must be Vietnamese citizens currently residing in Vietnam. U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents are not eligible to participate.
- c. The individual submitting the entry will be considered the contestant and will be the only individual eligible to compete for the prize. Organizations are not eligible to compete for the prize, either as an entity, or through representation by an individual. In order to be eligible for the prize, the contestant must provide complete and accurate information.
- d. The following individuals are not eligible to participate in the contest: Employees, interns, directors, and officers of the Contest Sponsors, or the U.S. Government; or any employees, interns, directors, or officers of any agencies, companies or entities involved in the administration, advertising, judging, creation, development, execution, and/or fulfillment of this contest, and the

immediate family members (defined as spouse, recognized partner, parent, child, sibling, and spouse or "step" of each) and those living in the same household of each such individual.

- e. Once a submission has been accepted for entry into the contest, the contestant's name (or User ID, if the contestant wishes to remain anonymous) and country may be publicly identified at the sole discretion of the contestant.

Selection of Winners:

- a. All photos and drawings are subject to pre-screening by Contest Sponsors to ensure compliance with these Official Contest Rules. Any photos/drawings out of compliance will not be posted. Contest Sponsors reserve the right in their sole and absolute discretion to verify in the final analysis whether a potential finalist or potential winning photo/drawing submission has fully complied with these Official Contest Rules before posting to the contest site, awarding prize, recognizing a winner, etc.

- b. **Judges:** U.S. Embassy officials and staff

- c. **Judging Criteria:**

Criteria for judging photographs and drawings include but are not limited to:

Relevance to Theme	15%
Technical Elements: Photos (composition, balance, lighting, focus, and subject matter); Drawings (composition, form, and color)	30%
Creativity and Originality	15%
Story Telling	40%

- d. **Winners:** Each winner and/or finalist will be required to sign and return to Contest Sponsors a statement of eligibility and liability/publicity release, and provide a short bio (where applicable), and a brief statement about the submission; otherwise the winner and/or finalist will be ineligible for any prize. Winners and finalists may choose to use an alias instead of their real name and may request other identifying information be kept private.
- e. Winner(s) will be contacted via e-mail at the e-mail address they provided for registration. The inability of Contest Sponsors to contact a potential winner may result in disqualification and/or selection of an alternate winner from among all remaining eligible submissions.

Prizes for each category:

- Grand Prize: Kindle Paperwhite and certificate
 - First Runner-up: Instax Photo Camera and certificate
 - Second Runner-up: Portable Speaker and certificate
 - Honorable Mentions: Backpacks and certificates
 - People's Choice: Portable Speaker and certificate
 - Finalists: Power Banks and certificates
- a) Winning submissions may be displayed on U.S. Embassy and Consulate websites, social media properties and/or in the Embassy/Consulate itself.
- b) Winners have to confirm the acceptance of the prize in an email reply within three calendar days. If the acceptance is not confirmed by the required date, the Contest Sponsors reserve the right to select an alternate winner. Each winner must provide a valid physical mailing address where a prize, if any, is to be shipped. Contest Sponsors are not responsible for any problems related to the shipping of any prize, including, but not limited to, theft, delay, damage, or destruction/accidental loss by the shipping carrier.
- c) Any unused portion of the prize is not transferable, convertible, or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash. All taxes on or in connection with any prize, and the reporting consequences thereof, are the sole and exclusive responsibility of the winner.

Liability and Rights:

- a. Contest Sponsors do not endorse any submissions or messages expressed therein, and Contest Sponsors expressly disclaim any and all liability in connection with the submitted photos including disputes between collaborators related to a submission.
- b. The contest and its sponsors do not permit copyright infringing activities or infringement of any other intellectual property rights, and Contest Sponsors reserve the right to remove and disqualify any submission they deem to be in violation of another party's copyright or other intellectual property rights.
- c. Contestants retain sole ownership of their original work. The submission remains the intellectual property of the contestant, and the Contest Sponsors and U.S. Government make no claim of copyright as to the work of any individual who enters the contest. Contestant specifically agrees to give the Contest Sponsors permission to use all content submitted for purposes of judging the contest. Finalists and/or winners will be required to grant Contest

Sponsors, with proper attribution through whatever means they deem appropriate, a worldwide, non-exclusive, royalty-free, sub-licensable and transferable license to use, reproduce, distribute, prepare derivative works of, and/or display the submission in any media formats and through any media channels in perpetuity in connection with the activities and operations of the contest.

- d.** Contestant assumes sole responsibility for the contest submission and the material contained in it, and for any consequences of submitting or posting it.
- e.** Contest Sponsors reserve the right at any time to verify the validity of entries and of contestants and to disqualify any contestant or entry deemed not in compliance with these Official Contest Rules. Contest Sponsors also reserve the right to request further documentation, at their sole and absolute discretion, to verify eligibility and compliance with these Official Contest Rules.
- f.** If a prize or any portion thereof is unavailable, Contest Sponsors, in their sole discretion, reserve the right to substitute the prize with another prize of equal or greater value and/or specification.
- g.** Contest Sponsors reserve the right, at any time and in their sole discretion, to disqualify and/or deem ineligible any individual who they reasonably believe (i) has violated the Official Contest Rules; (ii) has violated the terms of use of platform, or (iii) is acting in a bad faith, or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.
- h.** Contest Sponsors reserve the right to modify, suspend, terminate or cancel the contest at their discretion for any reason.
- i.** Contestant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Contest Sponsors, their parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, employees, interns, and agents, from and against any and all claims, damages, obligations, losses, liabilities, costs or debts, and expenses (including but not limited to attorney's fees) arising from (i) violation of these Official Contest Rules; (ii) violation of any third party right, including without limitation any copyright, trademark, intellectual property, privacy, publicity, or other proprietary right in connection with the contest; or (iii) any claim that a contest submission caused any harm, including financial, to any third party. These indemnification and hold harmless obligations will survive indefinitely beyond the conclusion of the contest.
- j.** The conduct, judging, and awarding of prizes will be carried out in full compliance with applicable U.S. law and host country law. In the event of a conflict between U.S. law and host country law, U.S. law shall apply.
- k.** Contest Sponsors and the U.S. Government will take reasonable measures to protect privacy data, personally identifiable information, and other sensitive data of contestants. Contact information provided by contestants may be stored by U.S. embassy and may be used to contact contestants for other purposes in the future. This information may be shared with the co-sponsor of

the contest and/or made available to third parties to the extent permitted by law.

- l. Contest Sponsors assume no liability or responsibility for any loss or harm resulting from any user's participation in or attempt to participate in the contest or ability or inability to upload, download, or otherwise access any information in connection with participating in the contest. Contest Sponsors assume no responsibility or liability for technical problems, or technical malfunctions arising in connection with the operation of the contest, including: hardware or software errors; faulty computer, telephone, cable, satellite, network, electronic, wireless or Internet connectivity, or other online communication problems; errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts or providers; garbled, jumbled or faulty data transmissions; failure of any email transmissions to be sent or received; lost, late, delayed or intercepted email transmissions; inaccessibility of the contest site in whole or in part for any reason; traffic congestion on the Internet or the contest site; unauthorized human or non-human intervention in the operation of the contest, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, worms; or destruction of any aspect of the contest, or loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility or unavailability of an email account used in connection with the contest.
- m. Use of contest site is at user's own risk. Contest Sponsors are not responsible for any personal injury, property damage, or losses of any kind which may be sustained to computer equipment resulting from participation in the contest, use of the contest site or the downloading of information from the contest site. By participating in the contest, the contestant releases Contest Sponsors from any and all claims arising from or relating to such contestant's participation in the contest, whether directly or indirectly.
- n. Contest Sponsors are not liable in the event that any portion of the contest is cancelled or delayed due to weather, fire, strike, acts of war or terrorism, or any other reason.