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ACTIVIST ARTIST SCHOLARSHIP

The Concord, NH based Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice was established in 2008 to carry on the legacy and work of Tom Lantos, the only Holocaust survivor ever to serve in Congress. His fervent belief was that the U.S.'s steadfast devotion to the values of decency, dignity, and freedom make us both the strongest and the most hopeful nation on the face of the earth. In both big ways internationally and smaller ways here at home in New Hampshire, we carry on that legacy through our work with programs focused on religious freedom, rule

Our "Activist Artist" initiative recognizes the powerful connection between human rights and artists around the world. Human rights activists come from many different backgrounds, but one of the most powerful, yet often overlooked, forces in the human rights movement are the artists. Artists can challenge, inform, inspire and ultimately move communities toward understanding, acceptance and change. Through diverse media, such as film, writing, theater, dance, music, painting, poetry and drawing, artists express the raw emotions that can often provoke needed attention and action on human rights crises around the world. As part of our Global Citizenship work, the Lantos Foundation is committed to supporting, encouraging and recognizing the work of Artist Activists who tell human rights stories in ways that are unique, inspiring and significant.

The Activist Artist Scholarship was launched in 2020 as an annual competition dedicated to the work of Activist Artists all over the world. All applicants will be challenged to examine the influence of a particular Activist Artist and show how that artist used his/her medium to influence, inform and inspire during their lifetime or beyond, or alternatively, to create their own piece of activist art.

2020-2021 Activist Artist Scholarship

Thank you for your interest in applying for the 2020-2021 Activist Artist Scholarship. The Lantos Foundation for Human Rights & Justice is proud to offer this scholarship opportunity to those New Hampshire high school seniors with an interest in human rights and activism through the arts. Details of the scholarship and selection process are listed below. We look forward to receiving your submission by **Friday, January 8, 2021**.

Scholarship Timeline, Eligibility & Award:

Monday October 26, 2020: Activist Artist Scholarship Application Opens

Friday January 8, 2020: Deadline for Activist Artist Scholarship Application Submissions

Friday February 26, 2020: Activist Artist Scholarship Winner(s) Announced

Eligibility Requirements: Scholarship eligibility will be limited to graduating high school seniors who are residents of New Hampshire that intend to enter a 2- or 4-year undergraduate degree program in the Fall of 2021.

Award: The Activist Artist Scholarship winner will receive a \$5,000 award payable to his/her intended college or university. Up to two runner-up awards will be awarded in the amount of \$2,500 each, payable to the intended college or university.

Application Requirements:

Each applicant is asked to submit a copy of a piece of "Activist Art" and prepare a 600-1000 word essay that describes the piece and its importance. The following questions are intended to serve as guide points for the essay:

Discuss your chosen piece of "Activist Art". How did it further the intended cause? How did it differ in its composition or impact from the artists' other works or attempts at activism during the same period? What impact did this work have on public opinion or on other activists at the time? Did it influence later public opinion on the issue? How did this piece impact you personally?

ALTERNATE SUBMISSION OPTION: In lieu of the essay outlined above, applicants may choose to create and submit their own original piece of Activist Art. If you choose to submit original art, please include a digital submission (photograph, video, sound file, etc.) and a 250-500 word "museum plaque" style explanation of your piece. Your "museum plaque" should include what cause your piece is focused on, how it delivers the intended message, and what impact you believe it can have.