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WE'RE BETTER

High School Coloring Book Drawing Contest

Calling all Maryland High School Students! We need YOU to create coloring book pages for elementary school students demonstrating inclusion! Show us through drawing how inclusion of people with and without disabilities benefits us all. This contest is a critical part of the TWB Inclusive Education Campaign, promoting equity, inclusion, and belonging!

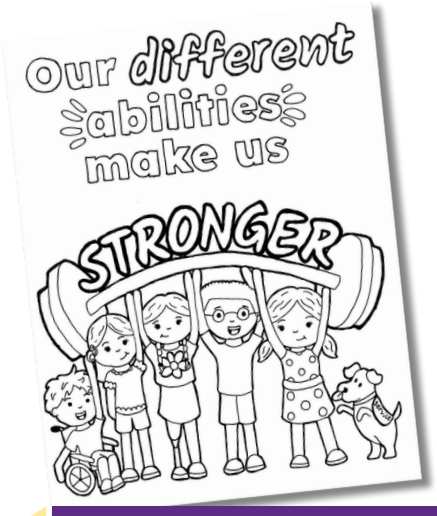
PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for the top three submissions, as selected by contest judges. Honorees will receive prizes for themselves and their schools! Honorees will be invited to a reception at the House of Delegates in Annapolis in early March 2027! Submissions may also appear in our Together We're Better Coloring Book online and in public across Maryland!

	Student	School
First:	$75 gift card	$500 award
Second:	$50 gift card	$200 award
Third:	$25 gift card	$100 award

THEMES

- The National Inclusive Schools Theme this year is "***Together We Learn.***"
- We are better together.
- We are more alike than different.
- Respect and care for others.
- Our different abilities make us stronger.











Submissions Are Due by January 26, 2027 | Contest Rules Are In the Submission Form Below!

The Arc Maryland
Maryland Department of Disabilities
Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council
Maryland State Department of Education

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High School Coloring Book Contest Submission Form

Contest Deadline: January 26, 2027

Title of Drawing: _____

Name of Student Artist: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

City: _____ County: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____

Was the student instructed to participate in the artwork contest by their teacher? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How did you hear about this contest? _____

Teacher Name: _____ Email: _____

Principal Name: _____ Email: _____

By signing this form, the parent/teacher gives The Arc Maryland permission to use this information and artwork submission at their discretion to publicize & promote the "Together We're Better" Inclusive Education Awareness Campaign and Artwork Contest and other mission-related initiatives.

Rights to Original Artwork: In submitting their original artwork to The Arc Maryland as part of this contest, the submitting student/artist is relinquishing ownership of their artwork to The Arc Maryland. By relinquishing ownership, the student/artist is granting The Arc Maryland permission to use said artwork to promote The Arc Maryland's mission, vision, programs, services, and for any other reason The Arc Maryland deems appropriate through any and all media outlets in perpetuity. The student is welcome and encouraged to utilize their original artwork in art shows, portfolios, college applications, etc.

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Teacher: _____

Rules:

- Drawings must display what inclusion means to you in school and the community.
- Art must be in black and white so that it can be colored in.
- Participants must be high school student in a Maryland school or home-school.
- Must be age-appropriate for elementary school students.
- •Submissions can be created on a physical or digital canvas.
- •The artwork should fit **vertically** on 8.5x11 inch paper for printing.
- Digital submissions should be a .pdf file, a scan of the drawing, OR a high quality photo of the drawing.

Judging Criteria:

- Follows this year's National theme - "Together We Learn."
- Creativity in showing inclusion.
- Clarity of drawn image: consideration for ease at which younger children may be able to color the page.

Questions?

- Contact Sharon Dols at SDols@TheArcMD.org

A signed copy of this document (completed digitally or physically) must be sent alongside the artwork submission to The Arc Maryland via email at SDols@TheArcMD.org or mailed directly to The Arc Maryland at 8601 Robert Fulton Dr, Ste 140, Columbia, MD 21046.

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