



2026 MODERN MASTERS OF AMERICA FINE ART CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS

Welcome to the Operation Protect and Defend (OPD) Modern Masters of America Fine Art Contest. This contest offers students the opportunity to express their views on important Constitutional issues through the vehicle of artistic expression.

The Contest: Art submissions must be delivered on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 1017 25th Street, Sacramento before 6 p.m.** Please contact opd@opdcivics.org to arrange delivery if you are unable to deliver your submission at the designated time or location. Operation Protect and Defend will host a gallery showing on **April 14 at 5:30pm at the CLARA**. After submissions are received, scoring judges will view each piece and its descriptions to determine award winners. Every scoring judge will use the same rubric for assigning scores. We invite all student artists to attend to enjoy the full exhibit and answer questions from the scoring judges. **Winners will be notified in late April 2026 and will receive free entry, along with two guests, to our Law Day Dinner on May 6, 2026.**

The Prizes: At the ceremony, cash prizes will be awarded to the top pieces as follows:

Platinum Award - \$1,000

Gold Award - \$800

Silver Award - \$600

Bronze Award - \$300

Honorable Mention Awards - \$100 each

Art Forms: Fixed medium capable of display on a table or wall, performance art, music, or video.

Art Supplies: Students are free to use whatever art supplies and art form(s) they choose. OPD is also offering to provide art supplies, upon request. We can provide either a painting kit, a drawing kit or a sculpting kit. Supplies are limited. If you require assistance obtaining art supplies, please contact your lead teacher who will then contact OPD program leaders.

Eligibility: To submit an art piece, you must participate in the Dialogue on America, either through a social studies or law class that is participating in the program. Your teacher will provide the requirements for the Dialogue in class. Every interested student must sign up with their teacher and submit an art piece as described below, as well as deliver an art piece as described above.

Size Limits: Art must fit through a standard doorway without being dismantled and be capable of display on a table or wall without structural modifications. All wall mounted artwork (paintings, drawings, prints, collages, etc.) must be framed, wired or matted, ready for installation. Performance art, music, or video must be viewable in a readily accessible format and be 1 - 3 minutes in duration. Each piece must be signed by the student, with the student's full name, teacher's name and school identified on the reverse side of the work. If you have a question about whether a concept/piece will be permitted, email opd@opdcivics.org. OPD program leaders reserve the right to reject any submission in their sole discretion.

Prompt: How do we or should we ensure unbiased, non-discriminatory, and fair jury trials in our country of mixed races, ethnicities, genders, religions, and backgrounds?

Submissions: Pieces must be delivered at the time and place arranged. All art submissions must be accompanied by a completed Piece Description provided below or through the OPD website. Late submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

Steps to Participate:

Step 1: Participate in the Dialogue on America

Step 2: Sign up with your teacher.

Step 3: Create and submit a work of art that responds to the prompt above.

Step 4: Go here: <https://www.opdcivics.org/modern-masters-of-america-mma/> to register your participation by Tuesday, April 7, 2026. On that page, you must submit photographs of your work.

Step 5: Deliver your art piece for inclusion in the art show on April 7, 2026 @ 1017 25th Street, Sacramento.



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PIECE DESCRIPTION AND STUDENT RELEASE FORM**

<i>NAME OF STUDENT ARTIST + EMAIL + CELL:</i>	
<i>SCHOOL + TEACHER:</i>	
<i>TITLE OF ARTWORK:</i>	
<i>MEDIUM:</i>	
<i>Brief description of how the piece responds to the prompt:</i>	
<i>Artist statement of 1 paragraph that tells us something interesting about the artist/relates the artist's thoughts behind the artwork:</i>	
<p><i>I certify that this work of art is my original work and that it was created as a part of my school curriculum.</i></p> <p><i>I give permission for my artwork to be displayed at the Modern masters of America Art show, and to be reproduced and used for educational and promotional purposes related to the Operation Protect and Defend.</i></p> <p><i>I give permission for a photo of me and my name to be displayed with my artwork at the art show and the Law Day Dinner, and that my photo and name may be reprinted and used for educational and promotional purposes related to OPD.</i></p> <p><i>I give permission for my artwork to be kept and transported by OPD to the OPD Law Day dinner. I further understand that OPD does not insure any student artwork and cannot guarantee its safety during any transport. I understand that if I want to keep my artwork, I will retrieve it at the close of the Law Day Dinner or contact OPD at opd@opdcivics.org before July 2026. I further understand that if I do not retrieve my artwork at the Law Day Dinner or by contacting OPD, the artwork may be displayed, kept, transferred, shared, or disposed of by OPD.</i></p>	
<i>Date: _____,</i> <i>2026</i>	<hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <i>Student Signature</i>