

# **Anna Murray Douglass “Life in Portrait” Contest**

## **Official Rules**

**Submission must be accompanied by the following information:**

- **Name of Participant**
- **Parent or Guardian Name (if applicable)**
- **Contact email address**
- **Contact phone number**
- **Name of School (if applicable)**

There is no purchase necessary to enter or to win the Anna Murray Douglass “Life in Portrait” Contest (Contest). All local and state laws and restrictions apply. Void where prohibited by law.

Frederick Douglass is said to have been “The most photographed man of the nineteenth century” yet there are only two known images of his wife, Anna Murray Douglass. Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives (FDFI) is asking young people to imagine how she looked during one of three different stages in her life and capture it with a portrait. The best portraits submitted for entry will win cash prizes and will be displayed at FDFI’s headquarters in Rochester, New York.

**Beginning:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 10:00 am Eastern Time

**Deadline:** Friday, November 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time

### **Contest Rules**

Eligible participants may submit either digital or hard-copy versions of their artwork for entry into the Contest. Digital copies may be attached to an email and sent to: [media@fdfi.org](mailto:media@fdfi.org). Within 24-hours of submitting your artwork, you will receive a notification of receipt. If you do not receive a notification with 24-hours, call 585-286-9029.

Hard-copy versions of the work may be delivered to FDFI at 140 E. Main Street, Rochester, New York 14604 (location) during normal operating hours (9am-6pm, MO-FR). If delivered during off-hours, entries may be placed in the mailbox located to the left of the FDFI front doors. Larger works must be delivered in person. Please place artwork in an envelope if possible. For convenience, classrooms or schools may prefer to collect and deliver all student entries at once. Artwork will not be returned to its creators after the Contest.

Participants agree that FDFI may post their artwork at [www.fdfi.org](http://www.fdfi.org) or at the FDFI location. Some entries may not be posted online or at the FDFI location depending upon the number of entries received. Entry into the Contest constitutes full and unconditional agreement and acceptance of contest rules. Participants agree to hold FDFI, its sponsors and Contest partners harmless from any claim arising from the contest. The odds of winning will depend upon the number of valid entries that are received. FDFI will own and administer the right to display each entry in the original, reduced or enlarged format both online and in its headquarters. Participants may only submit one entry. Contest will be judged by FDFI, Contest partners and their surrogates. All decisions are final and binding and may not be appealed by participants. Winners will be notified on or before Wednesday, November 25, 2020 by phone or by e-mail. FDFI reserves all rights.

### **Who is Eligible?**

Anyone that is 8-years-old to 18-years-old on November 20, 2020, living in Monroe County, New York. Participants are not required to be enrolled in a school. Employees or family members of FDFI or of contest sponsors are not eligible to enter.

### **About Your Submission**

Entries should be two-dimensional. Artworks may be created in mediums such as; pencil drawing, pastels, oils paints, digitally, etc. Entries must each be original works by a single, eligible participant. Image sizes may range from 8.5" x 11" to 11" x 14". Entries must be received by November 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm Eastern Time. Entries that are displayed will be tacked or pinned.

### **Prizes**

FDFI will award a total of nine (9) prizes. \$500 will be given to one person at each level (elementary, middle and high school) plus \$250 to two runners-up at each level. A total of \$3,000 in cash will be given to students. Levels are defined as: elementary (aged 8-10), middle (aged 11-13) and high school (aged 14-18).

### **Website Security**

In the event of a problem with web security and/or administration of the contest, FDFI may, at its sole discretion, delay or cancel the contest.

### **Disputes**

Participants agree that all disputes arising from the Contest or the prizes awarded will be resolved individually under the laws of New York State.

### **How Entries Will Be Judged**

- 1) **Creativity and Originality** – Artwork conveys a high degree of thought and imagination.
- 2) **Style and Composition** - Artwork expresses itself in a visually and intellectually compelling way.
- 3) **Color (or absence of color)** – Artwork is enhanced by the use of colors, sepia or black and white.

## **FAQs**

### **What is this Contest about?**

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### **Who is eligible to enter?**

To enter you must be between 8-years-old and 18-year-old on November 20, 2020. You must also live within Monroe County, New York.

### **What is the deadline for submitting my blog entry?**

November 20, 2020 at 5 pm Eastern Time. Please don’t be late.

### **When will winners be notified?**

Winners will be notified on or before November 25, 2020.

### **Can I get help from other people?**

You can certainly bounce your ideas off another person, but this contest is all about what’s in your mind and how you communicate your ideas and talents through your artwork.

### **How many times can I enter?**

Just one entry per person.

### **Who will judge my work?**

Your work will be judged by FDFI, Contest partners and their surrogates.