

## Give Us Your Best Advice!

### How Can Youth Make a Difference?



We want to hear how youth make a difference directly from the **experts:** young [Change Makers](#) like you!

Can you think of a time when you were **eager to make a difference**? How did you turn your passion into action? **Share your advice** with other youth and young adults who want to make a difference and are figuring out where to start.

- Did you develop a plan?
- Did you develop a new way to get others involved in your cause?
- Did you discover a way to stay focused, even when change was slow?

***Your experience can motivate others to take action.***

**Submit** your own original poster or photo(s) that share the advice you would offer friends, classmates, and teens around the nation who want to make a difference in the lives of others. Your artwork will be featured on [Youth Engaged 4 Change \(YE4C\)](#), a site for young people interested in personal, local, and national change efforts. YE4C is a site sponsored by the [Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs](#).

Submissions should be creative and give your peers real ideas about how they can take action to make things better for those around them. The deadline was extended! Submissions are now being accepted until **May 11, 2014, 11:59PM EST**.

#### **Prizes**

The first, second, and third place winners will have their artwork posted on YE4C and will receive the following prizes:

- First Place: \$500

- Second Place: \$250
- Third Place: \$100

We will be awarding only one cash prize per winning entry. No separate awards will be made to individual team members.

### **Eligibility**

Contest is open to any contestant who is between 16 and 24 years of age. Only United States citizens or permanent residents can participate, and we cannot accept submissions from current federal employees, interns, or their children.

### **Rules**

- Contestant may not use funds from a federal contract to develop an entry.
- By participating in this contest, Contestants agree to assume any and all risks and waive claims against the Federal Government, contest sponsor, and related entities. By participating in this contest, Contestants agree to indemnify the Federal Government and its sponsors against third party claims for damages arising from or related to Contest activities.
- By submitting an entry, Contestant agrees to sponsors' use of Contestant's entry without further payment, notice, or consideration, for any purpose. Contestant waives any right to royalties or other compensation related to use of the Contestant's submission.
- IWGYP reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or modify the contest at its sole discretion.
- We will be awarding only one cash prize per winning entry. No separate awards will be made to individual team members.
- Consent forms will be required for all participants, regardless of age. Parental consent will be required for youth under age 18.
  - **Submitting an individual entry?** Please use the consent check box located on the submission form. You will not need to fill out a separate form.
  - **Submitting an entry as a group?** Each individual in your group will need to complete and submit a separate consent form. Please email [ye4c](mailto:ye4c) to obtain the form and submitting instructions.
  - **Submitting an entry featuring the images of a person other than yourself?** Each individual featured will need to complete and submit a separate consent form. Please email [ye4c](mailto:ye4c) to obtain the form and submitting instructions.

### **Important Dates**

- **Extended!** Deadline for submission is May 11, 2014, 11:59PM EST
- Facebook voting begins May 12, 2014, and ends May 15, 2014
- Winners will be posted May 21, 2014

### **Judging Information**

A panel of Federal judges will review each entry and rate it based on the following criteria:

- Are the ideas presented *actionable*? - Is it possible for someone to do what you suggest?
- Are the suggestions *concrete*? - Is your advice specific enough to guide someone?
- Is the message *clear*?
- Is the submission *creative*?

The judges will narrow down the submissions to a few top entries. These selections will be posted on the [YE4C Facebook page](#), and Facebook users will have the chance to vote for their favorites by "liking" them. The number of "likes" an entry receives will be considered along with the judges' input to choose the first place, second place, and third place winners. The judges will be evaluating each submission as a whole, taking an entry's rating and number of Facebook likes into consideration, along with a judgment of how the entry compares to other submissions received.

### **Submission Requirements**

You may submit a poster you create **or** 1-3 of your original photos, with captions you compose.

- Posters must be 11 x 17 in size, can use any artistic medium you want, and can be hand drawn or digitally created.
- Photos should be 275 x 375 pixels or larger and can be in black and white or color – your choice.

Your artwork must **not** contain any copyrighted material (for example, no symbols or pictures created by someone else). If your poster or photos contain any images of people other than yourself, those individuals are required to complete and submit a consent form. Please email YE4C at [ye4c@air.org](mailto:ye4c@air.org) to obtain the appropriate consent form and submitting instructions. Any artwork containing copyrighted material will be automatically disqualified. Photo captions should be your original work and should not exceed 140 characters.

All artwork should be submitted electronically. If you are submitting a hand drawn poster, you can scan it and upload or take a picture of it and upload. You will have the opportunity to type in and submit your captions when you upload your photos.

Contestant information will only be used to respond to contestants regarding their submission and results.

**Questions?** Email [ye4c@air.org](mailto:ye4c@air.org)

To submit your work, go to: <http://engage.findyouthinfo.gov/contribute/ye4c-contest-2014/submission-form>