

# #ChathamLovesSeniors

## K-12 Essay & Art Contest



### 2021 Art Contest:

Create an 8.5" x 11" piece of artwork reflecting on the theme of connection with or inspiration from the older adults in our families, neighborhoods, schools, or greater community.

### 2021 Essay Contest:

Write a short non-fiction essay or story of up to 300 words on **one** of the following prompts/themes:

- What does it mean to have connection with our elders? Why is this connection important to you?
- Why are seniors an important part of our community?
- Tell us about an older adult who has inspired you. This can be someone from your community, your family, your school, your place of worship, a scout troop or sports team, etc.
- Tell us how this time of COVID-19 has strengthened your relationship with an older adult who is a family member, friend or neighbor?

### Grade Level Categories:

K-5 (Elementary School)

6-8 (Middle School)

9-12 (High School)

### Rules, Eligibility, and Prizes:

- All work must be the original work of the student who submits it.
- Open to all Chatham County, North Carolina K-12 students, including public school, home-school, private school and charter school students.
- Immediate family members of Chatham County Council on Aging employees are not eligible.
- Students may enter one or both contest categories. Limit of one entry per category, per student.
- The top artwork and essay from each grade level category will be featured in an upcoming print and digital issue of the *Chatham Senior Times*, which is the Council's newsletter with a combined print and digital readership of over 3000. Winners will receive a copy of the print edition in which their artwork appears and an appearance on the Council's Online Anniversary Celebration in July, date TBA.
- Second and third place winners in each grade level category will have their artwork or essay featured in an upcoming digital issue of the *Chatham Senior Times*.
- All entrants may have their entries displayed at one of the two Chatham County Council on Aging centers (*Eastern Chatham Senior Center in Pittsboro or Western Chatham Senior Center in Siler City*) for the enjoyment of our visitors when centers reopen.
- All submissions become the property of the Chatham County Council on Aging and can be used in print and digital media with attribution to the students who created them.
- Submissions will be judged on creativity and style, as well as strength and clarity of message.
- **DEADLINE EXTENDED! Mailed entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2021. All hand-delivered and emailed entries must be received by noon, April 8, 2021.**
- **Winners will be announced on or around April 17, 2021.**
- The Chatham County Council on Aging reserves the right to disqualify any entries deemed inappropriate for general audiences or that are not in keeping with the positive theme of the contest.
- All entries must include an entry form signed by a parent/guardian.

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**2021 Contest Entry Form:**

This form must accompany all submissions. If your child is entering into both the art and essay contest, be sure to complete an entry form for each.

Category:  Art  Essay Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level Category: Elementary / Middle / High School Student's current grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

My child is a resident of Chatham County, NC and/or attends school in Chatham County, NC:  Yes  No

Parent/guardian telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or guardian: Would you like to be added to the Chatham Council on Aging email list?  Yes  No

By signing below, you certify that your child has permission to participate in this contest and that their submission is the original work of the student named above and that the Chatham County Council on Aging has non-exclusive rights to use the essay or artwork for digital and print media, with attribution to include the student's name and school, as given above. You also give the Chatham County Council on Aging permission to notify your child's school and/or teacher in the event that your child reaches 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the contest and to use your child's photo or likeness in connection with promoting their winning entry. You also certify that neither you nor your child's immediate family members are employed by the Chatham County Council on Aging, which is a non-profit agency. You certify that the email address given above is for the parent or guardian of the student and not a child aged 13 or under. You agree to all rules and conditions stated in the attached rules and eligibility form. The Council on Aging is not responsible for lost, damaged, or misdirected entries. Entries will become property of the Chatham County Council on Aging and will not be returned. Entrants assume all liability for any injury or damage caused, or claimed to be caused, by participation in the Contest, the acceptance of any Prize and/or any use of the entrant's name, likeness, and/or biographical information as permitted pursuant to these Official Rules.

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry submission options:

**In person** at the *Eastern Chatham Senior Center* at 365 NC Hwy 87 N, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or the *Western Chatham Senior Center* at 112 Village Lake Road, Siler City, NC 27344 between 8 am and 5 pm, Monday-Friday.

**Email** to [info@chathamcoa.org](mailto:info@chathamcoa.org),

**Mail** to #ChathamLovesSeniors c/o Chatham County Council on Aging, PO Box 715, Pittsboro, NC 27312

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