

**UNSCRIPTED**

# Student Art Contest

Spring 2026



## Dates

February 15 - April 15, 2026

Winners will be announced on  
May 1, 2026.

**Grand Prize** \$1,000

**2nd Place** \$500

**3rd Place** \$250

*\*Winners will be selected by a panel of student judges and Unscripted Advisory Council members.*

## The "What" and "Why"

The Unscripted Student Art Contest Spring 2026 is a multi-media college art competition meant to uplift creative, fun, authentic, and thought-provoking art that questions the harmful myths, stereotypes, and stories about who men are supposed to be— meanwhile, encouraging men to embrace healthy dating, vulnerability in friendships, and standing against violence like sexual harassment and assault.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three submissions. All submissions will be considered for forthcoming Unscripted promo & merchandise unveiled for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

*\*The contest is part of the broader Unscripted campaign from Futures Without Violence, which partners with colleges and their students to host events, workshops, and outreach.*

Learn more at  
[www.unscriptedfutures.org](http://www.unscriptedfutures.org)

# Content Guidelines

The contest will accept a wide variety of artistic media, so long as they relate the to the Unscripted campaign's core messages. The tone can be serious, sincere, comedic, or playful!

## Art / Campaign Topics

Healthy Relationships and Dating



Mental Health and Wellbeing



Advocating Against Violence



## Examples of Designs & Mediums Accepted

- Poster & Sticker Designs
- Explainer-style videos
- Comedy sketches
- Spoken word or poetry
- Memes or Comics
- Music

## Sample Prompts

- What is a slogan that if men lived by it, they would be better friends or boyfriends?
- Share a story or image of a message you received from your family or friends about what it means "to be a man."
- Depict topics that are taboo for men to speak about and/or what it looks like for men to break silence around them.
- Write a sketch that makes fun of restrictive or harmful rules that men are told they have to live by.

## Additional Source Materials

⇒ [Campaign Event Toolkit](#)  
(Stickers, Posters, and Events)

⇒ [Website Page 1 and Page 2](#)

⇒ [Instagram \(@UnscriptedFutures\)](#)



# Submit Here!



\*Must be an active student (undergrad or grad) to submit

### Formats Accepted:

Graphic Art (.jpg or .png)

Illustrations or Watercolor (scanned, .jpg or .png)

Video (MP4)

Challenges or questions with submitting? Please email us at [engagingmen@futureswithoutviolence.org](mailto:engagingmen@futureswithoutviolence.org).