

Contest Outline

The [Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice](#) (Global Alliance) was founded nearly 100 years ago. As an interdisciplinary organization, the Global Alliance has been at the forefront of new approaches to enduring problems, with a particular focus aimed at improving services, treatment, systems and settings for children and youth. Today, we are continuing to focus our work on fostering environments (in-person and virtually) that are equitable, just, and supportive of individuals and their relationships. The Global Alliance strongly believes that art and culture are central to well-being. They provide purpose, connection, and context for key issues. Celebrating and elevating the creativity of young people provides a pathway to understanding experiences that we all must recognize to achieve healthy and just communities.

In honor of the Global Alliance's 100th anniversary, we are having a contest for high school students. Contest submissions must address '**what is a socially connected and just community?**'. The winners will be announced at the [Coming Together for Action 2022 Conference in Baltimore, Maryland](#).

Contest Details:

- There will be two categories for submissions (details below).
- There will be six (6) finalists (3 in each category) with one (1) winner selected in each category.
- The contest will open on September 6, 2022 and close on October 1, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.
- Finalists and winners will be notified the week of October 16, 2022.
- All finalists will receive registration to the conference and will be encouraged to participate in the full conference. For those under the age of 18 a second registration will be issued for a parent or guardian. Additional tickets can be purchased at a community rate. Winners will be recognized and receive their award during the conference.

Written Submission Details:

- Submission must be original content written in a format selected by the individual (i.e. essay/poem) and developed for the purpose of this contest.
- Submission must be a maximum of 3 pages.

Visual/Fine Art Submission Details:

- Submission must be original content developed for the purpose of this contest. Visual or fine art submissions include but are not limited to photography, storytelling, mixed-media, video, music, dance, performance, fine arts.
- Submission must include a written description of the piece (maximum 250 words) that describes the submission.

Rules:

- Submissions must be original.
- A consent form must be signed by a parent/guardian (for any submissions by an individual under the age of 18).
- By submitting your content, you grant the Global Alliance permission to share and reproduce your content.

Eligibility Criteria:

-Contest is open to any student enrolled in a Baltimore high school.

-For any contestant who has not reached the age of majority, a parent or guardian must consent to the winner attending the event

-The immediate family (people living under the same roof) of employees and/or Board Members of the Global Alliance are not eligible for this contest.

Submission process

[Please submit your complete application by October 1, 2022 at 11:59 PM EST here.](#)

**If applicant is under 18 years of age a parent or guardian is required to sign the waiver at time of submission.

If you have any questions, please contact conference@bhjustice.org with the subject line "Contest".



Parent/Guardian Consent Form

I _____ give permission for _____ to make
Name Student Name

a submission to the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice's Youth Contest 2022.

Date

Youth Name

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature