

Rochester Recreation and Arena

Art Olympics



An important part of developing Rochester Recreation and Arena's Master Plan is developing a vision for what recreation will look like in the City over the next several years. As such, Rochester Recreation and Arena, with support from the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, will be conducting **The Rochester Recreation and Arena Art Olympics!**

This contest is meant to encourage people of all ages, and all artistic abilities and interests, to demonstrate their talents and **capture the vision of a common future in recreation through art.**

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Eligibility: The Art Olympics are open to all residents of Rochester, and those who come here to work, play, and recreate, of every age! All submitted work must be the artist's own.

Focus: The artist's submission must, in their own way and from their own perspective, answer the following question:

What does your dream play-space in Rochester look like?

Age Groups: Submissions will be judged among the following age groups:

Current Grade K-5 students
Current Grade 6-8 students
Current Grade 9-12 students
Ages 18+ non-students***

Medium: Participants may create their submissions in any medium they choose (colored pencil, oil paint, photography, digital art, crochet, etc.)

Submission Restrictions: No submission may be larger than 24" by 24" due to gallery space constraints.

Application: Please include the following with your artwork:

1. Required for all:
 - a. Full name
 - b. Contact email
 - c. Age group
 - d. Artwork title
 - e. School (if applicable)
2. Optional, but suggested:
 - a. Artist bio—tell us a little bit about yourself! What do you want your audience to know? Please, no more than a half page, point 14 font size.
 - b. A short statement about your piece.

How To Submit:

Digital files can be sent via email to Nicole Lee at nicole.lee@rochesternh.gov. Digital files must be submitted as JPEG, PNG, PDF, or DOCX file types. The email subject **must** be titled, "Rochester Recreation and Arena Art Olympics Submission."

****Digital files can only be displayed in printed form****

Non-digital files can be dropped off during regular business hours to Rochester Recreation and Arena staff at the [Rochester Recreation Department](#) (Located at the [James W. Foley Memorial Community Center](#))

Prizes: Participant entries will be displayed across [Rochester Recreation & Arena managed indoor recreation spaces](#), and the winner of each age group will have their art displayed at the rotating public art space in the hallway of the [James W. Foley Memorial Community Center](#). Submissions will be judged by the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee among their appropriate age groups.

IMPORTANT DATES

Request for Submissions Released: Friday, April 12th, 2024

Submission Deadline: 5:30 PM on Tuesday May 7th, 2024

Notification: Friday May 10th, 2024

Opening Reception: *Date to be determined*

Exhibition & Closure Dates: Submissions will be displayed for one month following the opening reception, after which artists may pick up their submissions. Rochester Recreation & Arena also welcomes you to donate your art for permanent display.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Publicity Permission: By submitting your work to this contest, you agree that Rochester Recreation and Arena and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission may utilize images of your work, with artist credit, and information submitted in your application publications, advertising or other media activities including the internet for educational purposes and public awareness now or in the future without expectation of compensation or other remuneration. You agree that this consent is given in perpetuity and does not require prior approval.

***Rochester Recreation and Arena welcomes submissions from artists who have taken a non-traditional path, for example those who may be under the age of 18 but have completed schooling early, or those who may have had to leave school early in order to work. If you are unsure which age group to submit to, email Nicole Lee at nicole.lee@rochesternh.gov.