## **Patriotic Art Writing Guidelines**

## 150 words or less

- 1) Type it out & print it.
- 2) Describe your artwork, and how the pieces of it represent your view on Patriotism. You don't have to get overly deep on this.
- 3) If you have any family members who served in the armed forces, or any type of positive story about America you'd like to share, go ahead.
- 4) It's usually a good idea to include a thank you to veterans if you can work it in. Or those currently serving our country.

This is what a full 150 word statement looks like

"In today's day and age, patriotism seems to be rare, if not extinct, in our society. This is something I do not understand, because I personally gain my patriotism out of pure respect for our American soldiers. They fight for our freedom every single day and hardly ever receive the respect and gratitude that they deserve. Being a soldier takes more than courage, it takes sacrifice – (more) sacrifice that most people could ever dream of. They leave their families to fight for yours. Travis Snyder, the soldier displayed in my art submission, personally made a difference in my life. He showed me strength, and what it is like to always put others before yourself and always fight for what you believe in. There are thousands of soldiers just like Travis who dedicate their lives to our freedom every day, and because of them I can say I am proud to be an American." – Kristin Donnelly