**“The YTIA Bridge” Art Contest**

**Objectives:**

To develop an awareness of the “bridges” we cross every day as we move forward in life.

 To share a message from foster youth regarding moving forward and “being on our own”.

 To utilize art as a tool in communication.

**One entry per category per youth.** Each entry must be one of the following… a photograph, painting or drawing of *some sort of bridge*. See specifics below.

**All entries must be the work of youth between the ages of 13 and 19, who are currently in foster care. Each entry must have the following information…**

Full Name and Age

 Contact information must include, phone number, email address, and either caregiver, case worker or PAL staff name with a phone number.

 Title of the entry.

**Entries must be provided to YTIA by *5:00PM Friday, July 27th*.**

**Contact YTIA at 210-256-1888*, or email -*** ***ytia2009@gmail.com***

**You can also contact, Becky Brooks 210-241-8085**

**Rules for photographs...**

1. Photo will be no larger than 8’x10”, orientation can either be portrait (vertical) or landscape (horizontal). No mounting/framing is required.

2. Photo can be either Color or Black & White.

**Rules for paintings or drawings...**

1. Painting or drawing will be no larger than 16”x20”, orientation can either be portrait (vertical) or landscape (horizontal). No mounting/framing is required.

2. The following renderings can be used… watercolor, charcoal, oil, acrylic, pastels, pen and ink, or pencil rendering of some sort of bridge.

**Judging...**

***Entries will be judged on the following categories…***

1. Creativity – the expression of imagination, idea, message or thought.

2. Impact of the image – the sense someone has when viewing the image for the first time.

3. Composition – brings the visual elements together, gets the viewer to look where the artist intends.

4. Does it tell a story? Does the image evoke imagination? Each viewer may see it differently.

***Use your imagination. Bridge the gap you and others will need to cross!!!!***

***Prizes and ribbons will be awarded. Winners will be notified via phone or email. All artists must be prepared to surrender the artwork to YTIA for auction or display at an event, fund raiser or other YTIA gathering.***