

2028 CALL FOR QUOTATIONS



The deadline for submissions:

TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2027

Embracing Our Differences is an outdoor juried art exhibition promoting inclusion, kindness and respect.

A critical part of the impact of the exhibit is the selected quotations from the general public that accompany each piece of artwork. The quotations give individuals in the larger community a chance to have their voices represented by expressing their thoughts, feelings and ideas.

The combination of art and the written word adds a deeper dimension to the overall experience. Since 2004, the exhibit has been viewed by more than 5.6 million visitors plus an additional 743,000 students.

Entries can be no longer than 20 words. A \$2,000 cash prize will be awarded for Best-in-Show Adult & Best-in-Show Student quotations. Below are some ideas to help stimulate thinking about the subject of embracing our differences:

- What does embracing our differences mean to you?
- Have you ever felt discrimination? What did it feel like?
- Have you ever been bullied? How did you feel?
- Have you witnessed someone being bullied? How did you feel?
- What have you done to stand up to hatred and prejudice?
- What are you looking for in a best friend?
- What would a perfect world look like?
- If possible, how would you change the world?

Submit entries online at
EmbracingOurDifferences.org

**The 2028 exhibit will be on display January through April
in Sarasota and St. Petersburg, Florida.**



**“A seed of friendship is planted with a
wave and a smile.”**

André Hersom, 6th Grade
Sarasota, Florida

**“Sometimes, the person you need to
listen to the most is yourself.”**

Harry Xu, 11th Grade
Pine View School, Osprey, Florida

**“Ending hatred in the world begins with
ending hatred in our hearts.”**

Dana Choi, Herricks High School
Albertson, New York

**“I color outside the lines and
I still make something beautiful.”**

Bella Jordan, 2nd Grade
Hermitage, Tennessee

**“Kindness is a beam of light
in the world of darkness.”**

Dimka Pencheva
Gabravo, Bulgaria

**“You’re perfectly you;
there is no substitute.”**

Ellie Goss
Waratah, Australia

**“Choose the road that will
leave you proud of yourself
after you walk it.”**

Kimberly Probus-Clark
Sarasota, Florida

**“Children are the unread
pages of the book
of the future.”**

Kim Farrell
Sarasota, Florida

**“Beauty is not defined
by your body
but by your heart.”**

Katherine DiMaggio, 8th Grade
Sarasota, Florida



In 20 words or less, share your thoughts on Embracing Our Differences.

Signing below with your submission indicates your irrevocable agreement if selected, to permit, without restriction, Embracing Our Differences to use your quotation in reproduction for catalogs, posters, advertising, as well as other educational and promotional materials. Embracing Our Differences reserves the right to modify or alter your submission as necessary.

Your submission MUST be an original work.

USE THIS FORM - OR SUBMIT ONLINE - DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2027

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

For Students: Age: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

School: _____ City: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone*: (_____) _____ Email*:

*Required for valid entry so we may contact you.
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