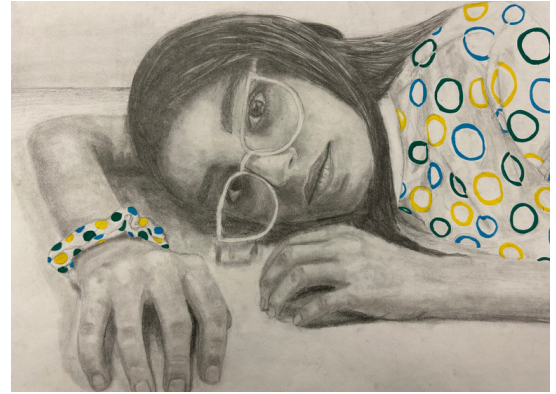


Student artists create with imagination, honesty, and heart. Your voice matters — share it..

As an artist, you use your creativity to express ideas, build community, and make meaning through your work. The #CreateConnectCare Challenge invites you to use your artistic voice to support mental health, challenge stigma, and show what connection and care look like in your world.



Create With Purpose

- **Drawing & Painting:** Portraits, illustration, abstract work, expressive pieces
- **Photography:** Portrait, documentary, conceptual, or experimental
- **Mixed Media:** Collage, assemblage, printmaking, or combined techniques
- **Digital Art:** Graphic design, digital illustration, animation, or memes

“ Hello, it’s me. Messy, exhausted, and perpetually imperfect. I wanted to capture a raw moment of my life, unedited and uncensored. Through my piece, I hope to counter that distorted reality of perfection presented by social media and reinforced by the attitudes of many of my peers. Sometimes, what we need the most is to take a moment to recharge, sit with our feelings, and be a mess. Zofia - 16 ”

Why Art Students Join



Lead with Creativity

Use your artistic voice to spark conversations that matter and encourage honest dialogue.



Join a Global Movement

Connect with young creators around the world who are using art to create change.



Serve Your Community

Create work that supports mental health awareness and helps others feel seen and understood.



Showcase Character

Share honest stories, uplift peers, and model empathy through your art.



Global Recognition

Students featured in the Youth Gallery and eligible for the 2026 #CreateConnectCare awards.



Build Your Portfolio

Submit meaningful, mission-driven work that reflects your leadership and artistic growth.

How To Participate: Deadline March 31, 2026

- 1 Choose a Focus Area:** Explore resources and choose a focus area, such as awareness, stigma, connection, or self-care.
- 2 Create a Piece:** Share their mental health stories through digital, visual, literary, performance, and film arts.
- 3 Share:** Submit their creative work to #CreateConnectCare by **March 31, 2026..**

- **40 Youth Awards:** Recognition grants of **\$100-\$500**
- **3 Educator Champion Awards: \$500 each.**
- **Creativity Journals:** Moleskine Journals for the first 500 U.S. entries.
- **Certificate of Participation:** All participants receive a digital certificate.