



Resiliently Rooted
Showcase and Student Contest
Spring 2025

The **Urban Forest Initiative** at the University of Kentucky is inviting the public to showcase their art, and UK students to participate in an art contest.

The theme of the showcase and contest is “Roots to canopy: how do trees inspire and sustain us?” Get inspired by the beauty, role, benefits and care of the trees in green spaces around us!

A showcase will be held from **April 14th- 18th, 2025** with an open house on the **17th**. Categories limited to:

1. **Paintings and Drawings:** two-dimensional pieces such as drawings, paintings, collage, print-making, and more.
2. **Sculpture 3D Art:** three-dimensional pieces such as sculptures, ceramics, textiles, fiber arts, and more.
3. **Photography:** a photograph captured by a digital camera, smartphone, or other device.

Eligibility

Submissions for the showcase are open to the greater Bluegrass community. However, entries for the art contest will only be accepted from undergraduate or graduate students who are at least 18 years old and currently enrolled at least part-time at the University of Kentucky.

Submission Deadline

The submission window will open February 1st, 2025 and **close on April 1st, 2025**.

[Link to submission](#)

Prompt

From Roots to Canopy: How Do Trees Inspire and Sustain Us?

Rules and Guidelines

1. Each submission must have been created by the person submitting it.
2. AI-generated and AI-assisted art are prohibited from submission.
3. Art work will be submitted as digital uploads via the UFI website, then physically displayed in the University of Kentucky SA/VS building.
4. Submissions must correlate with the contest prompt. Submissions that are unrelated to the prompt will be disqualified.
5. Submission of artwork grants the Urban Forest Initiative permission to display work with full artist credit and to reproduce and share their work.
6. Each submission must include a one-paragraph artist's statement articulating relevance to the prompt, with particular attention to the following question:
 - a. How did you interpret the contest prompt?

Judging

The judging committee, will consist of professionals and specialists in a variety of relevant mediums. Contest judging will take place after the submission deadline by April 16th, 2025.

Awards

Winners will receive monetary prizes payable through VISA gift cards.

- 1st place - \$300 prize
- 2nd place - \$200 prize
- 3rd place - \$100 prize

All artists are invited to attend the Resiliently Rooted Art Showcase on April 17th, 2025 from 4:30-7pm at the Bolivar Art Gallery located in the SA/VS building.

Questions?

To answer any questions you have please contact Graciela Martinez at gma300@uky.edu