



50 YEARS OF NYSABE:

**BREAKING
BARRIERS** *Through*

BILINGUAL EDUCATION



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2026 NYSABE STUDENT ART CONTEST GRADES 3-12

THE DR. NIVIA ZAVALA & ANA SOTO ART CONTEST FOR MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES

Submission requirements: The online application and a photo of the artwork completed by a Multilingual Learner with a disability, must be uploaded and submitted by **November 15, 2025**.

To submit the online application and photo of the artwork, go to:

<https://forms.gle/WrKPpkLsjK5iEszP8>

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This contest is limited to Multilingual Learners with a disability currently enrolled in bilingual and/or ENL programs in New York State.

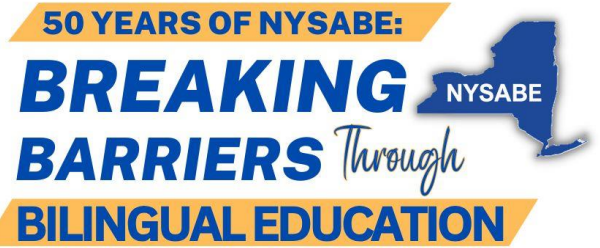
ARTWORK CRITERIA

- Upload a high-quality photo of the student artwork onto the online application.
- Artwork should incorporate the conference theme: **50 Years of NYSABE: Breaking Barriers Through Bilingual Education**.
- Possible themes: collaboration, leadership, equity, diversity, and/or unity in bilingual education, empowerment, and advocacy.
- Teachers should assist students to ensure that artwork submissions meet the following criteria: creativity, originality, detail.
- Students may use any medium (crayons, paint, pencils, etc.).
- Accepted artwork may be featured in the NYSABE conference program and newsletter.
- Only work done by individual students will be accepted. No group entries will be considered.

PRIZES/AWARDS

Winning entries may be published in NYSABE's *The Bilingual Times Newsletter*. First, second, and third place winners at each of the following grade clusters will be chosen: 3–5, 6–8, and 9–12.

- 1st PLACE WINNER: medal and gift of \$150.00
- 2nd PLACE WINNER: medal and gift of \$100.00
- 3rd PLACE WINNER: medal and a gift of \$50.00



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The awards will be presented on **March 21, 2026**, at the Student Awards Session during **NYSABE's 50th Anniversary Conference** held in person **at The Sonesta White Plains Downtown Hotel, White Plains, NY**. Winners are strongly encouraged to be present at NYSABE's conference. Winners will be given the opportunity to read their essays during the conference.

JUDGING

Once the submissions are received, a committee of judges will review the art based on the outlined criteria. This committee will determine the winners in each grade cluster. The committee's decisions are final. Winners will be notified by **December 5, 2025**.

QUESTIONS

For further information please contact us at Conference@NYSABE.net.

In partnership,

Dr. Eliezer Hernández
NYSABE President

NYSABE Student Essay and Arts Content Committee