



The Art of Us Zine 2025

Terms and Conditions

About the Zine

The SAAAC Autism Centre and its social enterprise, the Goodness Gift, are collaborating to launch The Art of Us—a zine that celebrates the creativity and perspectives of autistic and neurodivergent artists.

In order to launch its inaugural edition, we are looking for autistic and neurodivergent artists across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) who want to contribute their work to the magazine. Whether through visual art, photography, or sculpture, The Art of Us is a platform to showcase your voice, your vision, and your story.

From all submissions, 12 artists will be selected to be featured in the zine. Each selected artist will receive:

- Artwork and artist featured in our zine
- Receive \$300 cash prize

How to Enter

Before your art can be judged, you need to agree to some rules. These are called “**terms and conditions.**”

If you’re under 18, a parent or guardian must help and agree to the rules too.

If you have a support person helping you, they also need to agree to the rules.



Judging Criteria

The judges will choose winners based on the theme unfiltered perspective

- **Originality** – Does your art show a fresh, honest, and unique way of seeing the world?
- **Skill** – Is the art made with care and creativity? Does it help tell your unfiltered story?
- **Personal Voice** – Does the art feel true to **your** thoughts, feelings, or experiences

What Kind of Art Can You Submit?



We accept:

- **Digital art, Photography, Paintings, Drawings, Multi-media**

File Rules:

- **File type:** JPEG or PNG (for good print quality)
- **Resolution:** 300 DPI (dots per inch)
- **File size:** Between **1 MB and 10 MB**
- **Quality:** High Quality (80-100%)

Mailing or Dropping Off Art:

- If you want to **mail** or **drop off** your art, contact **SAAAC** at the following address:
 - 705 Progress Ave Unit 63
Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2X1
- OR
- Contact  arrun.s@saaac.org /  647-680-6957



Important: SAAAC is **not responsible** for any lost or damaged art that's mailed.

Tell Us About You

We'd love to know a little about you!

Please send a short **biography** (about **100-300 words**) with your art.

It doesn't have to be fancy — just tell us who you are. You can ask someone to help you write it if you want.

Who Can Enter?

You can enter if you:

- Identify as autistic or neurodivergent
- Live in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA):
 - **Toronto:** Downtown Toronto, North York, Scarborough, Etobicoke, York, and East York.
 - **York Region:** Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Markham, Aurora, Newmarket, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville, East Gwillimbury, Georgina
 - **Durham Region:** Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Clarington, Uxbridge, Scugog, Brock
 - **Halton Region:** Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Halton Hills (including Georgetown and Acton)
- There's no age limit — anyone can join!

If you're under 18, a parent or guardian must help you submit your entry.

Who Owns Your Art?

- **You do!** You keep full rights to your artwork. You can enter it in other contests, put it in your portfolio, or share it however you like.
- **SAAAC's Use of Your Art:** By entering, you give **SAAAC** permission to:
 - **Share, copy, and edit** your art to help celebrate autistic artists.
 - **Post your art online or print it** (we'll credit you if we can).
 - **Use your name, photo, or interview** to talk about the contest.
 - **No extra payment** is given for these uses.

If your art is picked for the “Art of Us” zine, we might ask for the **original artwork**. SAAAC isn't responsible if the original gets lost or damaged during delivery.

Important Rules

Your Art Must Be Original

- **The art you submit must be your own idea and work.**
- **No AI-generated art** is allowed.
- **No copying** other people's work. If your art breaks copyright rules, it will be disqualified.

If Your Art Includes Other People, Places, or Objects:

- You are responsible for getting **permission** to use those images.

Respectful Content

- All submissions must be respectful and appropriate for all audiences.
- Content that includes offensive language, hate speech, discrimination, harassment, or anything deemed inappropriate will not be accepted.
- We will not accept submission that do not meet these standards.

Promotion

- You agree to having your submission used for promotion.



- This includes sharing it on our website, social media, and other materials to promote the contest.
- You will still own your work, but we have the right to feature it.

Breaking the Rules

- SAAAC can **remove your entry** or **take back a prize** if you break the rules.
- If your prize is taken back, you **can't say** you won from SAAAC.

How to Enter Online

- **You need an email** to enter using the **SAAAC online application portal**.
- **Need help?** If you **have trouble** entering, contact **SAAAC** at
✉ arrun.s@saaac.org / ☎ **647-680-6957**

For Parents, Guardians, or Support Persons

If you're helping someone enter:

- **You need to read and agree** to these terms too.
- Please go over the rules **together** to make sure everything is understood

We can't wait to see your amazing art!