



The **Art**
of **Surviving**
sexual violence

Submission forms

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and artist statement

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Richmond office: (804) 377-0335 (to deliver artwork in person)

We accept submissions at any time.



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Guidelines for submitting work to be exhibited

The Action Alliance is currently collecting art from sexual violence survivors interested in participating in the **Art of Surviving** exhibit. The **Art of Surviving** is meant to illustrate, through survivors' own words or visual imagery, the scope, and impact of sexual violence, and the process of healing.

We are looking for pieces that hang on a wall (for example, we cannot accept free-standing sculptures because of limited storage and potential fragility of objects). Paintings, charcoals, drawings, poetry, collages, and any other media that can be framed are all eligible.

What kind of subject matter is appropriate?

It may be helpful to consider this question: as a survivor, what do you want the public to learn about sexual violence? Any artwork that relates to surviving sexual violence will be considered, including exploring how sexual violence affects victims, families, friends, communities, the process of healing, and what it means to move from victim to survivor. Visions of a world without sexual violence (and how we can achieve that) are also encouraged.

Who can submit artwork or poetry?

If you are survivor of sexual violence, are currently at least 18 years old and live in Virginia, you may submit work to be considered for this exhibit. If you are younger than 18 years of age, we are sorry that we will not be able to consider your piece for this exhibit at this time.

How do I submit my work?

Complete an artist submission form, which includes contact information (this will be kept confidential, if requested) and an artist statement, and submit it with your work. We can help you figure out wording for your artist statement, and with filling out your submission forms, if you like. If you need help with either of these items, contact our office at (866) 387-3822.

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Where do I submit my work?

Please send (or bring) your work to our Richmond office. The address is located below. If you want to drop off the work in person, please call our office first-- (804) 377-0335--to make sure someone will be there to meet you.

If you are unable to mail or deliver your work to our Richmond office, call Kate McCord at (757) 566-4602 x2303 or toll-free (866) 387-3822 to talk about the possibility of delivering your work to a sexual assault crisis center near you.

Can I submit my work anonymously? We will keep your name confidential if you do not want your name or other identifying information included in the exhibit. We do ask that you submit contact information for our records so we can contact you, if needed. Your name will not appear on the exhibit unless you want it to appear.

Do I need to frame the work before I submit it? If you want to have it framed yourself before you submit it, that's fine. If not, we can have it framed. If you do not want it framed, please make a note on your submission form.

Do I need to pay a fee to submit my work? There is no fee to participate in this exhibit. If you mail your work to us, we do ask that you pay for the postage to send it. Of course, we welcome any monetary contributions to support this project!

What is the deadline to submit? We accept submissions at any time.

Are there any guidelines I should know about? Any original artwork (including poetry or photographs) that can hang from a wall will be considered. We cannot accept pieces that are larger than 60" high x 42" wide **framed**. Given that this exhibit will be a permanent project of the Action Alliance, we ask that you be willing to either loan your work permanently to the Action Alliance, or to loan it for at least two years. It is likely that we will not be able to exhibit all artwork that is submitted to us; if we are not able to display your piece, we will return it to you.

How can I get more info? Visit our website at www.vsdvalliance.org or contact Kate McCord, Public Awareness Manager, at the Action Alliance at info@vsdvalliance.org or (757) 566-4602 x2303.



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Artist Contact Information

The information you provide on **this page** will be kept **CONFIDENTIAL**

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

What is the title of your piece? _____

What is the size of your piece? (max. 60" high x 42" wide **framed**) _____

How did you hear about this exhibit? _____

Choose ONE:

- I would like to **permanently** loan my artwork/writing to the exhibit
- I would like to **temporarily** loan my artwork/writing to the exhibit for **2 years**

By submitting this form to the Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance, I am donating or loaning my artwork or writing to be exhibited publicly in the Commonwealth of Virginia and possibly other localities.

- I understand that the information I submit & request to be kept confidential will be kept confidential.
- I understand that the information I submit as part of my artist's statement may be exhibited publicly.
- I understand that the Art of Surviving is a portable exhibit, and that my artwork could be damaged during transport. I release the Action Alliance from any liability from damages done to my artwork.
- I give permission for photographs to be taken of my artwork, which may appear in newspapers, the Action Alliance website, exhibit promotional materials, or other forms of print or digital media.
- I understand that the Action Alliance will do its best to return my artwork or writing to me (at my cost) if my submission is not accepted as part of the Art of Surviving traveling exhibit or if I request that it be returned.
- I affirm that I am 18 years or older and that I am a resident of Virginia.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Would you be willing to speak about your art in front of a group (for example, as part of a panel discussion)? This is completely optional. Your response will not affect your submission outcome.

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Please submit both the artist contact page and the artist statement page, along with your work, to Kate McCord, Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance, 1010 North Thompson Street, Suite 202, Richmond, VA 23230
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Artist Statement

The information you give on **this page** will be posted next to your work and

EXHIBITED PUBLICLY

The title of your piece: _____

Your name, as you would like it to appear in the exhibit (optional): _____

Your current age: _____

Your current city or county of residence (optional): _____

Your age(s) (or age range) when you were sexually assaulted (optional): _____

Your age when you created this piece (optional): _____

Please explain (in fewer than 300 words) how this piece relates to the experience of surviving sexual violence. This statement will be posted next to your artwork. It is meant to offer you a chance to describe and explain your piece, and to educate the general public about the impact of sexual violence. You may want to write about how sexual violence has affected you personally or how you believe it affects people in general. You may want to write about your own process of surviving sexual violence, you may want to offer some words of encouragement to others who have been victimized, or you may want to offer ideas about how to end sexual violence. Feel free to attach a page, if you like, but try to limit it to 300 words. We may need to edit your statement in order to fit it into the exhibit. ***If you prefer to give your statement over the phone, we can type it for you.***

I understand that any information I provide ON THIS PAGE will be made available to the public.

Signature: _____

Date: _____