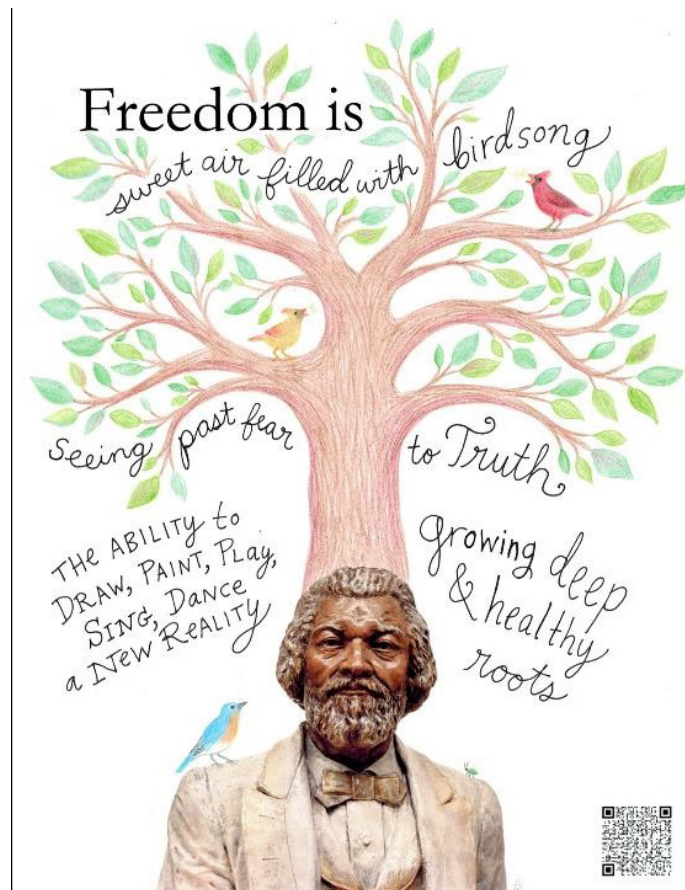


America250 Frederick Douglass “Freedom Is” Contest

Share what Freedom Is to you!

We want to showcase your creativity in expressing what freedom means to you! Enter the contest to have your work showcased on RCTV social media and participate in an art exhibition and awards ceremony/talent share event. Get a chance to win a fine art print of the Frederick Douglass 2018 Bicentennial sculpture and/or a one-year membership to RCTV Media Center. Children, teens, and adults are eligible to enter.

Last day to submit is Sept 22nd, 2026.



“Freedom Is” sample adult entry

“Freedom Is” Contest Guidelines

1. Print a copy of the “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet

FREE DOWNLOAD at: <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis/>

You can choose between vertical & horizontal versions.

2. Within the space of that page, create your expression of what Freedom is to you.

You can use any family friendly materials to draw, paint, sculpt, collage, write, sew...as long as it is expressed on the physical activity page. All entries must be fully made by entrant.

Please share your source of Freedom and Happiness (as long as no harm is done!) such as your artwork, small business, meditations, prayers, gardening, favorite cooking tips and recipes, biggest dreams, inventive ideas, poetry, prose, song/music, performances, theater scripts, stories, scientific explorations, philosophies, activities, favorite places, etcetera...

3. Follow instructions below to send us your Entry. Use instructions that apply to your category.

Entrant Categories:

Child : ages 7 – 12

Teenager : ages 13-17

Adult : age 18 and older

CHILD/TEEN ENTRY

How to Enter:

1. Print out and complete the “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet, as described above.

2. Complete online the Application & Release Form. Find forms at:

<https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis/>

- ONLY Parent or Legal Guardian can submit Application/Release Form for the child/teen.

- Child and Teen Entries must be submitted as images only.

-ONLY child/teen contestant can make the physical Creativity Sheet entry- no adults or AI can make the entry in part or whole.

-One entry accepted per contestant.

3. A \$5 donation entry fee to RTCV Media Center is requested.

-Please add your PayPal payment code to your application form.

-You can pay at: <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis/> (scroll down close to the bottom of the page to find the PayPal links)

ADULT ENTRY

How to Enter:

1. Print out and complete the “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet, as described above.
2. Complete online Application/Release Form at:
<https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis/>
 - Adults can enter a digital image, social media image OR social media video.
 - Only contestant is allowed to make their entry
 - No AI is to be used in part or whole.
 - One entry accepted per contestant.
3. A \$5 donation entry fee to RTCV Media Center is requested.
 - Please add your PayPal payment code to your application form.
 - You can pay at: <https://www.rctvmediacenter.org/freedomis/>
4. Send us one of the following three options:
 - **Digital IMAGE:** You can submit one image directly to us using the Upload Image option on the Application/Release Form.
 - Upload digital image of your completed “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet.
 - Make sure image is no larger than 2MB.
 - **Social Media IMAGE:** Use your completed “Freedom is” sheet as part of a social media Image post.
 - Upload digital image of your completed “Freedom Is” Creativity Sheet.
 - Follow LAST STEP for Social Media Image & Video posts below.
 - **Social Media VIDEO:** Use your completed “Freedom is” sheet as part of a social media Video post.
 - Make a video that starts with you holding your completed “Freedom Is” sheet so it fills the entire screen, then, if desired, you can add other video footage to highlight your ideas/creations. For example, attach a clip of an orchestra playing your music composition, or have a friend record you skiing down a mountain. -
 - Make your social media video between 20 seconds- 1 minute long.
 - Follow LAST STEP for Social Media Image & Video posts below.

To see an America250 Frederick Douglass “Freedom Is” Contest Video Adult Entry sample, visit:

https://youtu.be/pCeoMWig1Dk?si=dGkM_IqqPgzfcj7_

LAST STEP for Social Media Image & Video posts:

5. Post your image or video to your social media channel: Add the following message to your social media post: This is what Freedom is to me! Learn about the “Freedom Is” Contest at: <https://www.RCTVmediacenter.org/freedomis/>
6. Copy the url link code of your social media post and paste it onto FREEDOM IS Contest to the Application/Release Form.

General Contest Entry Conditions

Only Family-Friendly entries allowed (free of violent or inappropriate behavior), so everyone can enjoy this project.

All entries will be juried according to the “Freedom Is” Contest judge’s discretion.

Select Family-Friendly Juried entries will be featured on RCTV Media Center’s and FDFI’s media channels. We want to promote free speech, collective inspiration and positive problem-solving!

By entering these contests, you are giving permission for your entry to be used by Rochester Community Television (RCTV) Media Center, Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives and Olivia Kim Studio for educational, exhibition and PR purposes. No monetary compensation will be given to contestants. All entries will remain the property of the contestants who made them. See Online Application/Release Form for details.

Award Descriptions

Child Category: One 11 x 14” print of the 2018 Bicentennial Frederick Douglass (equal to a \$75 Donation Gift) will be awarded to the most inspiring entry.

Teenager Category: One year Membership to RCTV Media Center (\$60 value) and one 11 x 14” print of the 2018 Bicentennial Frederick Douglass (\$75 value) will be awarded to the most inspiring entry.

Adult Category: One year Membership to RCTV Media Center (\$60 value) and one 11 x 14” print of the 2018 Bicentennial Frederick Douglass (\$75 value) will be awarded to the most inspiring entry

Last Day to Enter

Sept 22, 2026- Last contest entry accepted by 12pm New York Standard Time.

Contest Winners Announced

Oct 22, 2026- Winners of Contest informed via email from freedomisearth@gmail.com. Contest Announcements made on RCTV MEDIA channels and social media. (Be sure to allow this email to go to your inbox, or check your spam folder.)

Awards Ceremony and Talent Share Event

Nov 1, 2026 from 1-3pm - RCTV Media Center
21 Gorham St, Rochester, NY, 14605. (585)325- 1238
www.RCTVMediaCenter.org



2018 Bicentennial Frederick Douglass
11" x 14" fine art giclee print



Frederick Douglass Bronze Statuette
10.75" tall, edition of 111

Special Events

(Check Contest website for updates)

Frederick Douglass statuette & print on exhibit & for sale

May 24, 2025 - ongoing –Pittsford Fine Art Gallery

4 North Main St., Pittsford, NY, 14534 / Open T-F 12-5pm, Sat/Sun 11am-5pm, First Fridays of every month 12-8pm www.PittsfordFineArt.com

***The Faces and Facets of Freedom* art exhibit & sale**

April 25 – June 27, 2026- Oxford Fine Art Gallery

267 Oxford St, #1, Rochester, NY 14607 / Open T-Sat 12-5pm / (585)271-5885
www.OxfordGallery.com