

Restroom Signage Contest

Deadline: December 1, 2009

Contest Sponsors

This contest is sponsored by Queers at UIC, a collective of LGBTQ units at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The collective includes UIC Pride, Gender & Sexuality Center, and the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBT Issues. The Gender & Sexuality Center is handling the incoming artwork submissions. Contact information is 312-413-8619, lgbtqa@uic.edu, or Room 181 BSB.

Eligibility

All UIC students, faculty, staff, and alumni are eligible to enter.

All two and three dimensional art, regardless of category or media, may be eligible as long as it can be submitted electronically as a .jpeg image and produces a feasible sign. E-mail high resolution .jpeg image to lgbtqa@uic.edu.

Theme

The theme for this contest is "Restroom Signage." UIC is in the process of converting several campus restrooms to "gender neutral," single stall restrooms (also known as "family" restrooms), which are single occupancy units designed to accommodate persons of all gender identities and expressions. In addition, new buildings built on campus will have these units available. This contest is to design a new sign depicting these restrooms to be used in buildings at UIC.

Submission Guidelines

Each entry must be the original work of the person submitting the artwork. It may not contain copyrighted material or material produced by someone besides the entrant. Use of copyrighted material without permission automatically disqualifies the entry.

Entries may consist of a single sign for a gender neutral restroom or a series of signs for male, female, and gender neutral bathrooms.

Both pictures and words are permitted, though complicated images or phrases may be unfeasible for signage.

All two and three dimensional art, regardless of category or media, must be submitted electronically as a .jpeg image. The file size (in KB or MB) will vary depending on the size of the original artwork and the media in which it was created, though the image resolution should be such that the art can be printed at the size it was created. Dimensions should be no larger than 5"x7" size.

All entries must be accompanied by a completed Submission Form Cover Sheet.

Judging Criteria

Entry to this contest results in the automatic submission to the rules and the decisions of the judges. The copyright to all entries will belong to UIC and the Gender & Sexuality Center. The artist's name and art may be used in any promotions, publications, or exhibitions carried out by GSC.

The main judging criteria will be:

- Feasibility
- Clarity
- Creativity

Entries will be judged not only on creativity and originality, but also on whether they depict a sign feasible for use in university buildings to direct people toward bathrooms.

The following information must be conveyed in all entries:

- The sign indicates a restroom
- A person of any gender identity or expression is permitted to use it

Additional information which may be considered includes: the bathroom is single occupancy, the restroom accommodates persons with various disabilities, the bathroom accommodates people providing assistance, and the restroom accommodates persons with small children.

Prizes

All qualified entries will be displayed in a gallery at the Gender & Sexuality Center and online on the GSC's and the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of LGBT Issues web site. Judges will select one (1) first prize winner to receive a \$250 prize.

Time Line for Contest

Announcement of Contest- October 20, 2009
Deadline- December 1, 2009
Judging- December 4-11, 2009
Announcement of Winner- December 11, 2009
Online Gallery- December 11 and ongoing
Presentation of Winner- January 2010 TBD

**Submission Form Cover Sheet
Restroom Signage Contest**

Preferred Name:

UIC Status: Student Faculty Staff Alumni

UIN:

Email:

Phone:

Permanent Address:

How did you hear about the contest? Circle all that apply.

Flyer E-mail Friend Faculty/Staff Student

Web site UIC Announce Classroom Student Organization

Chicago Flame UIC News

Brief Artist Statement (50 words or less):