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The Art Institutes and Americans for the Arts announce call for entries for ninth annual Poster Design Competition

High school seniors and high school graduates challenged to design poster expressing competition's theme: "You Can Create Tomorrow"

(PITTSBURGH, PA – December 13, 2011) – The Art Institutes and Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education, announced today that entries for the 2012 Poster Design Competition will be accepted through February 3, 2012. Winners will earn up to a full tuition scholarship to study at one of the more than 45 Art Institutes schools.

This year's competition challenges high school seniors and high school graduates¹ from the U.S., Canada and Puerto Rico to design a poster that best expresses the Competition's new theme "You Can Create Tomorrow." Contestants will compete in two different categories: (i) high school senior or (ii) high school graduate/adult.

"We are inspired by the creativity that students exhibit in the artwork they create for this competition and believe that this scholarship competition helps some of our most talented students achieve their educational goals," said John Mazzone, President of The Art Institutes. "We, along with our partner Americans for the Arts, eagerly await submissions to see the innovative and unique ways this year's students express their vision of 'You Can Create Tomorrow'."

"We are excited to be part of this scholarship competition," said Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. "The entries not only highlight the remarkable talent of our nation's youth, but also remind us what a vital role art plays in our everyday lives."

To see the full entry requirements and learn more about The Art Institutes and Americans for the Arts Poster Design Competition, visit www.artinstitutes.edu/postercompetition or <http://www.multivu.com/players/English/51393-art-institutes-poster-design-competition/>.

The Art Institutes (www.artinstitutes.edu) is a system of more than 45 educational institutions located throughout North America. The Art Institutes schools provide an important source for design, media arts, fashion and culinary arts professionals. Several institutions included in The Art Institutes system are campuses of South University. See aiprograms.info for program duration, tuition, fees, and other costs, median debt, federal salary data, alumni success, and other important info.

Americans for the Arts is the leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America. With offices in Washington, D.C. and New York City, it has a record of more than 50 years of service. Americans for the Arts is dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every American to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts. Additional information is available at www.AmericansForTheArts.org.

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¹This year marks the first time the competition is open to high school graduates as well as high school seniors.