Stories in Art

Every story is unique. And sometimes, a picture can say what words cannot.

The Trauma Survivors Network invites trauma survivors, families, loved ones, and members of the TSN community to share their creativity by submitting an original drawing for consideration for the 2026 TSN Ornament.

Your artwork can be about anything that is meaningful to you. It might show something you love, a person who makes you feel supported, a place that makes you happy, something that helped you through a difficult time, or what hope and healing look like to you.

You do not need to be an artist. Your drawing can be simple or detailed, colorful or black and white, serious or silly. Use crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint, or whatever you have available. You can create your artwork by yourself or with someone else.

Stories in Art submissions will be reviewed by the Trauma Survivors Network team. One design will be chosen annually for the TSN Ornament, and other submissions may be shared through other platforms to the TSN community, including but not limited to the TSN website, social media, and printed materials.

Deadline and submission: There is no deadline to submit as art is accepted on a rolling basis. To be considered for the annual ornament, entries must be recieved by October 15. Entires can be submitted by e-mail. Please scan or take a picture of the submission form to attach to the e-mail submission. Please include in the body of the e-mail the story behind your picture.

E-mail the artwork and story to TSN@amtrauma.org.

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By submitting artwork in this contest, the entrant acknowledges that upon submission, it becomes the property of the American Trauma Society (ATS). ATS has the right to use, reuse, publish and re-publish the artwork and/or written submissions, or portions thereof, individually or in conjunction with other entries, and the name of the entrant, for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to, publications for public display, on its website, and for educational and promotional purposes. The contest entrant agrees to hold the ATS harmless from any and all claims, demands and liability arising out of or in connection with the use of contest submissions.

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Submissions are always accepted!

Name(s) and age(s) of artist(s): _____

E-mail: _____

If under 18, signature of parent or guardian: _____

Draw your Story in the Box! Share the story behind it in your e-mail submission.