Teen Creative Expression Contest: Share Your Story Through Art, Words, or Lens

Are you a teen with a creative spark? This contest invites youth ages 13–18 to express themselves through original **writing**, **visual art**, or **photography**. Whether it's a powerful poem, a striking painting, or a photo that tells a story, we want to see how you view the world. Selected entries will be recognized for creativity, originality, and impact—**with an opportunity to be published in the Science of Mind Magazine plus a $75 credit** to be used for CSL Winter Camp or CSL Summer Camp registration. Let your voice be seen, heard, and felt! Please email your submission to hsharp@csl.org and youthservices@csl.org by Friday, October 31, 2025. Please send any questions to youthservices@csl.org.

We will accept the following:
- Feature articles on spiritual topics
    - Could be things like social media fasting, friendship, nature, personal values, lessons from teen leadership, health and wellness, mediation and managing stress/anxiety, being a safe space for others
    - 1,500 words, submitted in a Word document or email
    - Associated Press Style (we'll edit for that and grammar)
    - Can be combined with photo or art submissions

- Poetry (free form; be creative)
    - not more than 700 words)
    - Word document or email
    - Can be combined with photo or art submissions

- Photography
    - Nature, animals, plants/flowers, still life – please avoid friends' faces for their protection
    - Largest file format from phone or digital camera (300 dpi; .jpgs preferred)

- Original artwork
    - Can take a photo of the artwork and email it
    - Largest file format from phone or digital camera (300 dpi; .jpgs preferred)

- Media reviews
    - Books and music (spiritual focus; for music, would need to review a full LP, not just one song)
    - 350 words, Word document or email
    - Must include full title of the book (and subtitle), author's full name