

Art Force 5 competes in USA Today's "A Community Thrives" Competition

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Art Force 5 team with their 'art cart'

Alfred University's Art Force 5 team hopes to expand its program as part of USA Today's "A Community Thrives" competition. The contest seeks to fund nine initiatives in the three categories of education, wellness, and arts and culture (the category in which the Art Force 5 is entered). Voting is now under way and runs until May 12th with top-voted ideas moving forward to a judges' panel.

Alfred's superhero-themed team recently submitted a three-minute video highlighting ways it has previously served communities through its interactive art projects and non-violence workshops. The team would use this grant to establish both a 2018 NYC residency and a travel team available to aid communities in distress. View the video and vote! Votes may be cast once a day until the end of the contest.

The students are no strangers to on-line competitions and media attention, as their program won the 2016 "Unite Rochester" competition sponsored by the Democrat & Chronicle Newspaper (part of the Gannett media family which also includes USA Today). In January 2017, AU student and Art Force member Mawia Elawad was featured in USA Today's "I AM AN AMERICAN" series. Inquiries regarding their services may be directed to AU's director of student activities Dan Napolitano at D2D @alfred.edu.