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### Women of Ohio: Poetry and Art Competitions Celebrate Trailblazing Women in Ohio History

Columbus, OH – April 7, 2025 – Supported by the Greater Columbus Arts Council, The Women of Ohio project invites the public to celebrate the legacy of Ohio's remarkable women through poetry and visual art. This community initiative will showcase original works by local writers and artists that honor both iconic and lesser-known Ohio women who have shaped history.

Project leader, Zoë Brigley:

"Think of celebrated figures like artist Aminah Robinson, architect Maya Lin, novelist Toni Morrison, and sharpshooter Annie Oakley. We have some incredible women right here from Ohio. There are famous figures as well as everyday heroes such as teachers and mentors, the project aims to reflect the impact of Ohio women past and present."

- To celebrate, we are running two free competitions—one for poetry and one for visual art.
- They are open to Ohio residents aged 16 and older.
- Submissions should creatively highlight the cultural or historical significance of an Ohio woman, whether widely recognized or personally meaningful.
- Entrants of all genders are encouraged to learn about Ohio women and participate.
- The competition closes May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 1st Prize: \$200, 2nd Prize: \$100, 3rd Prize: \$50, 4th Prize: \$50.
- Judged by project leader, Ohio writer, Zoë Brigley.
- Works will be judged on originality, creative expression, and relevance to the theme.

A list of notable Ohio women is available on the project's website, though participants are encouraged to explore underrepresented voices. Selected submissions will be showcased as part in events celebrating Ohio's legacy of female leadership, artistry, and engagement. For guidelines and to submit, visit [womenofohio.com](https://womenofohio.com).

#### About the Women of Ohio Project

Women of Ohio is a public arts initiative dedicated to honoring the achievements of Ohio women through poetry, art, and community storytelling. By amplifying their stories, the project fosters creativity and connection to Ohio's rich and diverse history.

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