

YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE 2026

ENTRY FORM

The Ocean City Arts Center is pleased to host an exhibit dedicated to showcasing the talent of student artists and to fundraising for student scholarships. Artists will be selected to exhibit their artwork in the Ocean City Community Center's atrium. Fundraising votes by community members will be encouraged through the use of donation boxes. Artwork will be on display in the atrium from June 27 to July 29. Community fundraising votes will be counted and the fundraising deadline is July 29 at 12pm. Awards will be announced at the **Meet the Artists dessert reception on Wednesday, July 29 from 7 to 8pm**. The award for Best in Show will be selected by the judging committee. The award for Community Favorite will be based on total monetary fundraising. Award recipients will earn a scholarship to an OCAC class.

Show Theme: From Sea to Shining Sea: Celebrating America's 250th Birthday

Submission Deadline Extended: June 26, 2026

Rules:

- Artists must be in grades K-8, as of June 1, 2026.
- This competition is open to residents of Cape May and Atlantic Counties and OCAC members.
- Artists must submit a photograph of themselves, which will be displayed with their artwork.
- Submission must be on paper, single-sided, two-dimensional.
- Submissions must be delivered to the Ocean City Arts Center.
- Submissions must be relevant to the theme, From Sea to Shining Sea: Celebrating America's 250th Birthday.
- One submission per artist.
- Artwork must be created entirely by the student artist.
- No photography, generative AI or 3D submissions will be accepted in this competition.
- Artists must be available for the **Meet the Artists Reception on Wednesday, July 29 from 7 to 8pm**.

Artist Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Please check all that apply. The Artist is a:

Resident of Cape May County

Resident of Atlantic County

OCAC member

Parent/guardian phone number: _____ email: _____

Media used (please list all that apply): _____

Title of Artwork: _____

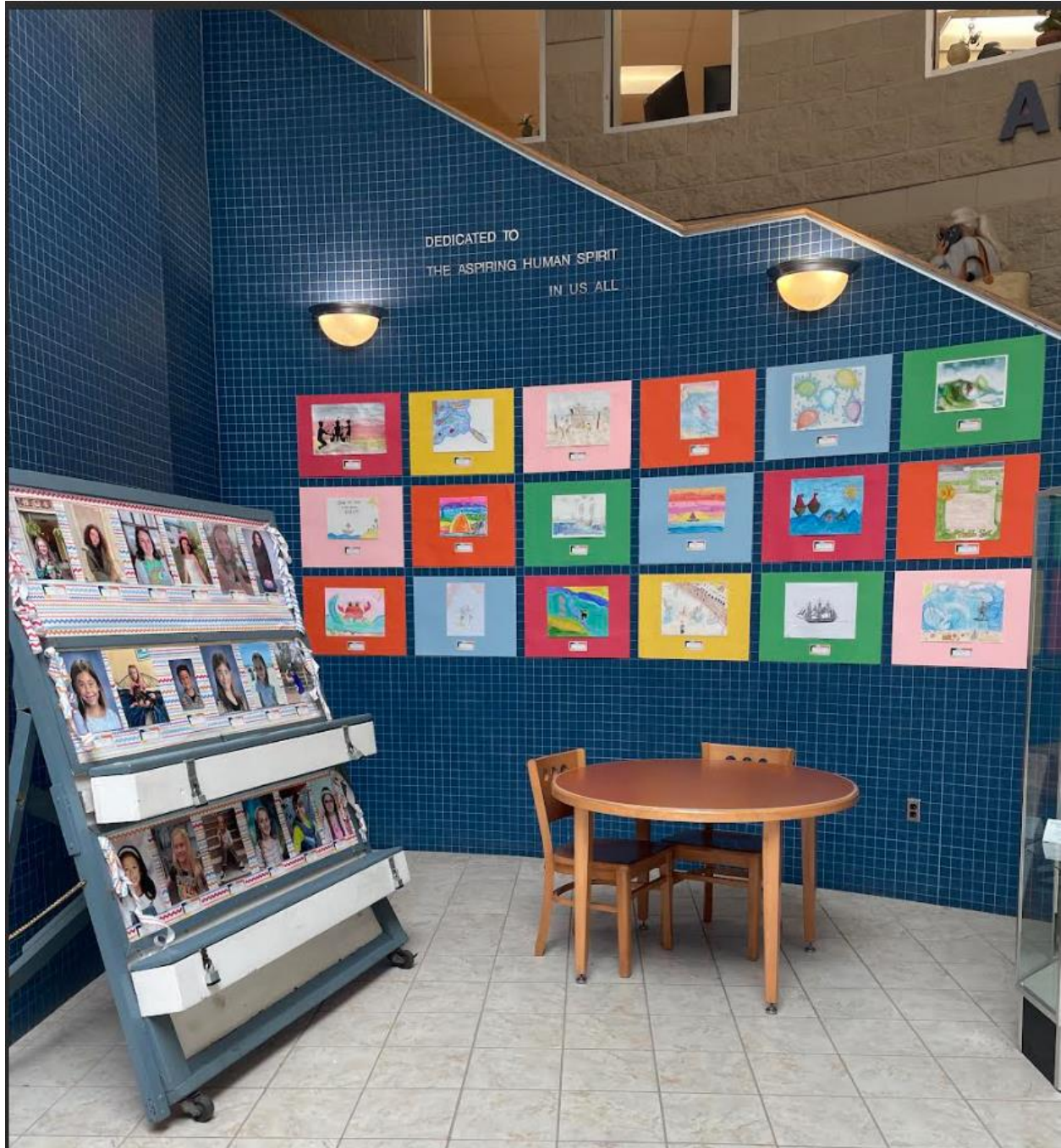
Artist's description of Artwork (please describe what the submission means to the artist):

Authorization

I, _____, am the parent/guardian of the child listed on this entry form. By signing this release, I hereby authorize the Ocean City Arts Center to publicly display my child's artwork, photograph, name, and age. I hereby agree that I understand the contest rules.

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

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Questions? Contact: Executive Director Chase Jackson at chasej@oceancityartscenter.org