



High School Visual Arts Contest

2023-2024 Submission Guidelines

Students in grades 9-12, in the Northeast Metro Region of the Twin Cities, are invited to enter up to three pieces of original art in the **High School Visual Arts Contest**, sponsored by White Bear Center for the Arts. This is a juried art show with cash awards, publication opportunities, and other prizes. Selected works will be displayed professionally in WBCA's Ford Family Gallery, Exhibition Hall, and Atrium alongside works from the 2024 WriteNow! High School Writing Contest.

Submission Deadline: Friday, March 8, 2024 at 11:59 PM

Entry Form: Click [HERE](#) to submit your work.

Awards

- 1 Best of Show Award: \$200
- 2 Excellence Awards: \$125
- 3 Merit Awards: \$75
- 3 Honorable Mention Awards: \$50
- 3 Judge's Choice Awards: \$25

Exhibition Dates: Monday, April 15 - Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Located at White Bear Center for the Arts' Ford Family Gallery, Exhibition Hall, and Atrium.

High School Visual Arts and WriteNow! Reception & Awards Ceremony:
Thursday, April 25, 2024, 6:00-8:30 PM at White Bear Center for the Arts.

**This year WBCA will host a combined reception and award ceremony for the High School Visual Arts and WriteNow! contests.*

Notification of selected works by email: The week of March 18, 2024

Drop off of selected works:

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 2:00-8:00 PM

Friday, April 5, 2024, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Artwork Pick Up:

Thursday, May 23, 2024, 2:00-8:00 PM

Friday, May 24, 2024, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Tuesday May 28, 2024, 2:00-8:00 PM

Eligibility

- Recent 2D and 3D works, including but not limited to drawings, paintings, fiber, pottery, photography, and sculptures.
- All artwork must be original in composition and concept, and executed solely by the artist. Pieces deemed not original to the artist will be disqualified.
- For clarity, using Artificial Intelligence tools is prohibited at any stage of the creative process.
- Inappropriate subject matter is not acceptable. WBCA reserves the right to determine acceptability.

**Submission does not guarantee acceptance.*

Conditions for Selected Works

- If accepted, 2D work must be suitably framed or prepared, and ready for hanging by the designated drop off dates.
- Hanging wire is preferred, but sawtooth or photo hangers are

acceptable. Please note that this is an opportunity to display your artwork in a professional setting. Framing your work is an important part of public presentation.

- Oil and acrylic paintings must be framed unless the painting extends to the sides of the canvas.
- 2D work must not exceed a total perimeter measurement of 240 inches, including frame.
- 3D work must not exceed 4 feet in any direction or weigh more than 75 pounds. Minimum size to the discretion of the artist.

If you need assistance framing or photographing your work, contact gallery@whitebeararts.org

Entry Process

- All submissions must be completed online. Submission does not guarantee acceptance.
- The online form is available on the High School Contest Call for Entries webpage. Click [HERE](#) for the form.
- Enter accurate contact information. Please contact WBCA if your contact information changes.
- You may submit up to three artworks. Please be specific when entering your medium as it makes it easier to judge your artwork (for example, "Watercolor" is more helpful than "Paint").
- Dimensions should be provided in inches. For 2D pieces, provide Height x Width (example: 24" x 18"). For 3D pieces, provide Height x Width x Depth (example: 10" x 10" x 8").
- For each 2D entry, you may submit one image. For each 3D entry, you may submit two images.
- Images should be of the work itself without mats, frames or other objects and of sufficient size and quality for accurate judging if possible.
- Images must be .jpg, .jpeg, or .png. Maximum image size is 10 MB. High quality images are strongly encouraged, minimum size is 400 KB.

Guidance on how to photograph your work can be found on the [White Bear Center for the Arts' YouTube Channel](#).

Sales

Artwork must be listed with a sales price, or denoted not for sale (NFS). White Bear Center for the Arts will handle all art sales. Artwork priced for sale should include 30% commission to WBCA.

Selected Works

This is a juried art exhibition. Notification of selected works will be emailed to the student and parent/guardian the week of March 18-22, 2024. Please provide an email address that you use and add gallery@whitebeararts.org to your contacts to avoid communications going to your spam folder. Selected pieces cannot be swapped for another piece; there are no substitutions. All artwork must be displayed until the end of the show on May 22, 2024.

Waiver:

Reasonable care will be taken in handling and displaying artwork, but no responsibility is assumed by WBCA for loss or damage of any kind. Submission of work indicates acceptance of these conditions and agreement that images of work may be used for publicity purposes by WBCA, including on the WBCA website, social media, and printed materials.

Contact WBCA at 651.407.0597 or gallery@whitebeararts.org with any questions.