



All About Top Young Artist

Rules of the competition:

- All accredited high schools in McLennan County are eligible.
- Each participating teacher may enter a total of 3 pieces of artwork, from separate Junior or Senior students only. All entries to be determined by the school's participating teacher.
- One student per piece and one piece per student accepted.
- Accepted works include drawings (ink or pencil), oil/acrylic paintings, watercolor/ink wash paintings, digital composition, 2-dimensional mixed media works, and new for 2017, photography!
- Artwork may protrude no more than 3" off its substrate, we are not able to accept 3D work.
- Entries may be stretched canvas, panel, or matted (no frames required)
- Maximum outside dimensions 24" x 18", including mat.
- Mat color must be black.
- Entries must be backed with substantial material (foam core, matboard, or cardboard) so they can have appropriate hardware attached for hanging. Studio Gallery will provide if needed.
- All artworks are required to be original in composition and content and individual expression. Copying or reproducing in any media a published image, photograph, album/CD/DVD cover, how-to book, magazine, image from Art History, etc., is not original and will not be accepted. Artwork including any licensed character is prohibited. If a teacher has any doubt about the originality of an artwork, the work should not be submitted.
- No one other than the student artist may work directly on any artwork entered; this includes parents, teacher/sponsors, mentors, and other collaborators. All entries must be created entirely by the student. If a parent, teacher, family member, friend, or fellow student draws, paints, sculpts or otherwise produces or embellishes the artwork, it cannot be entered.
- All forms must be completed in full and submitted with each piece or will be disqualified. Due dates are not flexible; please have all entries and paperwork turned in any time before the due date, not after.
 - Forms for 2017 are: Entry form (can be completed online), Artist Statement, Release and Consent form, Declaration of Originality, Photo Release, and Rules of Monetary/Scholarship Disbursement.

EXHIBITIONS

- All entries will be exhibited at Studio Gallery from March 1-18, 2017.
- During that time, people may come and vote on a favorite work. One vote per person per day. Studio Gallery is located at 4712 W. Wace Drive and is open from 10 am-6 pm Tuesday to Friday, and from 10 am-3 pm on Saturdays.
- The winner of the People's Choice Award receives a \$1000 scholarship.
- The Award Ceremony and opening reception for the Art Center exhibition will be held on **Thursday, March 23**. Winners will not be announced beforehand.
- Each student entrant and teacher receives a Top Young Artist T-shirt at the Award Ceremony.
- All entries will be exhibited at the Art Center Waco until April 15. If you need to arrange for work to be removed early, please contact Claire Sexton - education@wacoartsfest.org to make arrangements.

Rules of Awards

- If a student is awarded a scholarship the monies can be applied to tuition at any post-secondary institution: college, university, trade school, or community college.
- Funds are available for deposit into the student's school account with a copy of proof of enrollment showing classes registered for and account balance with student's ID number and bursars' address. Send to Cultural Arts of Waco. 801 Washington Avenue, suite 405 Waco, TX 76701. No scholarship Awards will be paid directly to student or parent.
- Scholarship funds must be utilized within 4 years of winning an award, otherwise funds will be used for future scholarships.
- If a student sells their artwork during the exhibition at Studio Gallery, that student will receive his/her portion, 75% of the sale, at the Awards Ceremony. The remaining 25% is paid forward to the following years' Top Young Artist awards. If his/her art sells at the Art Center or if there is any additional touring, a check from Cultural Arts of Waco will be mailed to the artist within 30 days of the sale.



Top Young Artist Schedule

December 1
Info Reception for Teachers

(Winter break Dec. 16 to Jan. 2)

Late January date TBD
Information meeting for students

February 10
Entry forms due online - bit.ly/tya2017

February 22
Artwork Due to Studio Gallery by close of business - 6 pm

March 1-18
Exhibition at Studio Gallery (voting available for "People's Choice Award")

(Spring break March 6-10)

Thursday, March 23
Award Ceremony / Opening reception at Art Center Waco
Exhibition open through April 15

Cultural Arts of Waco is in discussion with the Martin Museum of Art about an exhibition of TYA work in their foyer after the Art Center show ends. Details will be announced as soon as we have them.



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Medium-specific Rules:

Drawings: May be rendered in colored or graphite pencil, ink, pastel, crayon, chalk, marker, or charcoal techniques. It is recommended but not required that pencil, pastel, crayon and charcoal drawings be protected with a fixative.

Digital compositions: Must be rendered directly on the computer, starting with a blank workspace; photos can be used as references, but must not be part of the finished work. Computer program used by the student must be listed in registration paperwork.

Mixed Media: Two or more 2D media are combined in a single two-dimensional entry: Collage may be included. Materials may extend up to three (3) inches from substrate.