

The Tennessee Art Education Association & the West Tennessee Regional Art Center
present the

Thirteenth Annual West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition

January 18, 2021 – February 25, 2021

Deadline for entries: November 5, 2020

Awards Reception: Sunday, January 17, 2021, 2-4pm*

*Covid-19 conditions will determine whether the awards ceremony will be public or virtual.

Works Eligible

All entries must be the original work of the students. Do not submit any work copied from published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, or other artwork. All work must be signed by the student, parent, and teacher attesting to its originality. If there is doubt as to the originality, the teacher should NOT submit it.

- Two dimensional works may not exceed 4 feet in any direction.
- Sculptures may not exceed 4 feet in any direction; weight limit is 50 pounds. Larger pieces will be considered, but only if the teacher is willing to personally transport the sculpture to/from WTRAC and to/from Nashville for the "Best of the Best" exhibition.
- Videos must contain original content and not exceed 5 minutes in length. Music must be original or copyright free..

Artwork submitted to previous West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibitions is not eligible.

Works completed from November 2019 through November 2020 are eligible to enter in the competition.

Artists Eligible

The competition is open to students, grades 6-12, attending public, private, or home schools in the counties of West Tennessee. The number of works entered into the competition may not exceed **2 per student**, and no more than **25 works entered per teacher**.

Categories, Awards and Prizes

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| Best of Show Purchase Award | \$500 |
| Middle School Best of Show | \$100 |
| Best Ceramics | \$ 50 |
| Best Computer Graphic Best Drawing | \$ 50 |
| Best Mixed Media | \$ 50 |
| Best Painting | \$ 50 |
| Best Photograph | \$ 50 |
| Best Printmaking | \$ 50 |
| Best Sculpture | \$ 50 |
| Best Video | \$ 50 |

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and one or more honorable mentions will be selected for each grade level.

The Best-of-Show Purchase Award

All high school entries are eligible for the Best-of-Show \$500 Purchase Award. The entry selected will become part of the West Tennessee Regional Center's permanent student art collection.

The Best of the Best Exhibition

All artwork winning the Best-of-Show Purchase Award or any of the Best-of Categories will remain at The West Tennessee Regional Art Center until the Tennessee's Best of the Best Student Art Exhibition in Nashville. This artwork cannot be entered into any other competition until after the closing of the Best of the Best Exhibition. While this date is still to be determined, the Best of the Best Exhibition usually runs from late June through late August.

Judging

Selections for entry must be made in the schools. Entries violating any of the rules will be automatically disqualified before judging. Final selections for the exhibition and awards will be made by jury, and entrants' teachers will be notified of the acceptance (or non-acceptance) of entries. Accepted works/awards will be selected for grade levels 6 through 12. Best of show and of media categories will then be chosen from accepted works.

Presentation Form

- Photographs/works on paper must be framed or matted.
- Mats should be white (or off-white), gray, or black.
- Paintings/Works on canvas do not require a frame.
- All 2-D works must arrive WIRED and ready to hang. Please do not use: sawtooth hangers, yarn, masking tape, scotch tape, or sticky putty. Gaffers tape and clear packaging tape are sometimes acceptable for lightweight pieces. **Sturdy foamcore or cardboard** backing is required for all works on paper.
- All entries must be sturdy enough to withstand normal handling and display.

Reasonable care of entries will be taken by the Student Art Exhibition Committee, but the Student Art Committee and the staff of the West Tennessee Regional Art Center assume no responsibility for the loss or damage to entries.

Delivery of Artwork

All accepted work must be delivered to the West Tennessee Regional Art Center, 1200 Main Street, Humboldt, TN 38343, between the hours of 10am and 4:30pm on Thursday, December 10, 2020,

Picking Up Artwork after the Exhibition

After the exhibition closes, artwork must be picked up by a teacher or designated representative on March 11, 2021, between 10am and 4:30pm. Any artwork remaining at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center beyond 30 days of the pick-up date could be discarded.

Calendar

- November 5, 2020: Entry deadline
- November 19, 2020: Announcement of Accepted Entries
- December 10, 2020: Accepted artwork must be delivered (*awards will be announced at the reception*)
- January 17, 2021: Awards Ceremony & Reception, 2-4 pm (all participating student artists will be recognized)
- January 18 – February 25, 2021: Exhibition Dates
- March 11, 2021: Pick-up date for artwork

Entering Work

Please fill out one entry form for each student. Teachers shall mail or deliver a flash drive containing high-resolution JPGs or PNG files of the students' artwork. Entry forms are to be **saved as pdfs*** -- NOT as scans. One flash drive may contain all of the teacher's entries. Please note that flash drives will not be returned. With prior authorization from WTRAC, entries (images and forms) may be submitted via Dropbox. Please attach a printed form to selected artwork before delivery.

***Saving the individual completed entry forms as pdfs allows data to be copied/pasted for spreadsheets, labels, etc.**

For new users, please visit <https://www.dropbox.com/> to create an account.

Please label each file with the category entered, teacher's last name*, title of work, last name of student, grade, and size -- each separated by an underscore (e.g. *painting_Jones_untitled_lastname_11_18x24.jpg*).

*Please note that including **teachers' surnames** makes entries easier to sort and find in searches.

All entries must be received by November 5, 2020. Please mail entries and form to: WTRSAE, West Tennessee Regional Art Center, 1200 E. Main Street, Humboldt, TN 38343. Call Bill Hickerson at 731-784-1787 or email wtrac@aeneas.net for more information.

