

West Tennessee Regional Art Center

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18th Annual TAEA West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition

Exhibition dates: January 19, 2026 – February 25, 2026

- **Deadline for entries: Tuesday, November 11, 2025**
- **Acceptance notifications: Thursday, November 28, 2025**
- **Delivery, accepted works: Thursday, December 5, 2025**
- **Awards Reception: Sunday, January 25, 2026, 2-4pm**
- **Pick up date: Thursday, March 5, 2026**

Works Eligible

All entries must be original work of the students. Entries must not be copied from published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, or other artwork. If there is doubt as to originality, it should NOT be submitted.

- 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: original or copyright free.

Works completed from November 2023 through November 2024 are eligible to enter in the competition.

Artists Eligible

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

Categories, Awards and Prizes

Best of Show Purchase Award	\$500
Middle School Best of Show	\$100
Best Ceramics	\$50
Best Computer Graphics	\$50
Best Drawing	\$50
Best Mixed Media	\$50
Best Painting	\$50
Best Photography	\$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 Art 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 WTRAC until the Tennessee's Best of the Best Student Art Exhibition during Arts Academy.

This artwork cannot be entered into any other competition until after the closing of the Best of the Best Exhibition.

Judging: Selection of works accepted and the awards will be made by jurors.

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.**

Important: All entries must be sturdy enough to withstand normal handling and display.

Delivery of Artwork

All accepted work is to 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 5, 2024.**

Picking Up Artwork after the Exhibition

After the exhibition closes, artwork must be picked up by a teacher or designated representative on **Thursday, March 6, 2025**, between 10am and 4:30pm.

Entering Work: Please submit a separate form for each entry (this is a change from last year).

To insure timely preparation of entries for jurors, it is essential to label each file with: *category entered, teacher's surname, title of work, surname of student, grade, and size* -- each separated by an underscore.

Example: Painting_Smith_Untitled Masterpiece_Jones_10_18x24

To avoid delays in preparing entries for juror(s) and getting results to teachers in a timely manner, **image files MUST be labeled exactly** in the format of the example above. Otherwise entries may be disqualified. Please don't use the same title for multiple entries.

Suggestion for teachers submitting multiple entries: Have a list with name, contact number, school information, etc. in a Word document from which to copy & paste into the entry forms.

RELEASE INFORMATION

Entering the exhibition automatically grants permission for the West Tennessee Regional Art Center and the Tennessee Art Education Association to display the artwork and to use it in promotional materials.

WTRAC and TAEA will handle artwork with care and concern, but will assume no liability for loss or damage that might occur.

Call Bill Hickerson at 731-784-1787 or email wtrac@aeneas.net for more information.

Click link below to access entry form:

[WTRSAE entry form 24/25](#)