

State of Tennessee Art Review and Showcase *Elementary Exhibition*

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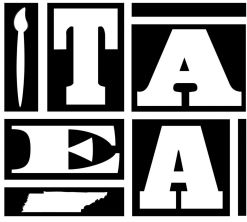
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If in need of financial assistance, a TAEA fee waiver entry form is available.



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Elementary Exhibition

Kindergarten through 5th Grade artists attending public and private Tennessee schools are welcome to submit their work for this showcase!

All entries will be submitted digitally. Please see the exhibition FAQs for more information. The link to upload submissions will be released by TAEA this October, 2023.

TAEA Submission Fee: FREE for TAEA Members; \$5.00 per entry for NON-TAEA Members

*Winning work will be on display at the Tennessee State Museum this Winter and Spring 2024!

Art Specifications:

- The artwork must be authentic and created solely by the student.
- The artwork must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws.
- Artwork depicting subjects of a controversial, sensationalistic, or gruesome nature are not allowed.
- Teachers may submit one work of art per grade level taught. The artwork must be..
 - Two-dimensional and low relief
 - No larger than 18"x24" (unmatted)
- All qualifying pieces submitted will be displayed in a virtual exhibition gallery. Pieces earning the highest scores on the judging rubric will be selected for display at a physical exhibition. Space in the Nashville gallery is limited and pieces will be selected based on a sliding cutoff scale to be set by the judging panel and exhibition committee relative to the total number of pieces and the amount of available gallery space.
- Teachers will be notified regarding pieces selected for the physical exhibition following the digital adjudication of artwork in November 2023. *Information concerning shipping or transferring artwork will be provided at a later date.*
- Artwork selected for the physical exhibition must be presented in a BLACK window-style hinged mat that is constructed of MAT BOARD and a firm foam core backing. Teachers should allow a minimum of 2 inches (maximum of 4 inches) of matting around the work.
- The Tennessee Art Education Association (TAEA) may alter or establish additional requirements if needed.

See the FAQ page for more details or contact Brandi Harmon, TAEA's Exhibition Chair:

beeharmoni@gmail.com

STARS Submission Information

Teachers should be prepared to provide the following information as part of the submission process:

Art Teacher (Submitter) Information

1. Art teacher's first and last name*
2. Art teacher's email*
3. Art teacher's contact phone number*
4. National Art Education Association (NAEA) Member ID*
5. School district (if applicable)
6. School name*
7. School city*
8. School county*
9. Principal name*
10. Tennessee General Assembly – House of Representatives district (1–99)*
 - Click [here](#) to find your school's legislative districts.
11. Tennessee General Assembly – Senate district (1–33)*
 - Click [here](#) to find your school's legislative districts.

Student Artwork Submission

The art teacher will enter the following information for each student submission (maximum of one student per each grade level, grades K–5):

1. Student first and last name*
2. Student artwork file upload*
 - Images of the student artwork must be uploaded. Accepted file types include .jpg and .png.
 - See the attached guidance for creating a high-quality image of your student's artwork.
3. Student artwork title (optional)
4. Student artwork standard alignment*
 - You must identify the Tennessee visual art standard to which the student work is aligned.
 - You may download the Tennessee Academic Standards for Fine Arts [here](#).
 - You may view the Tennessee Academic Standards for Fine Arts [here](#). Filter by grade and/or domain or search by keyword.
5. Student artwork descriptive narrative*
 - You must provide a brief (2-3 sentences) narrative describing the alignment to the standards and the instructional methodology used in any related lessons during the artwork creation period.

The link to access the submission platform will be available in advance of the submission window opening October 2023. Completion of the submission form does not complete the submission process. You will receive additional information outlining the steps to submit entry fees to TAEA. Submissions are finalized for non members once TAEA has received your entry fee.



Tips for Photographing Your Submissions

1

Lighting

is key. Photographing your work with natural lighting is best. If that is not an option, arrange lighting so that there are limited shadows.

2

Focus

on submitting a clear photo. Check your focus during and after your shoot.

3

Alignment

To avoid any kind of distortion or skewed results, photograph your art straight ahead as it hangs on the wall. Setting up a tripod with your digital camera works even better so that you can insure that everything is level.

4

Crop

out the noise. Minimize any background distractions (people, easels, other artwork, even frames) so that one piece is the star of the show.

JPEG or PNG is the preferred file format *



Frequently Asked Questions

for STARS Elementary Art Exhibition

Do I need to be a member of TAEA to submit artwork?

No! There is a submission fee of \$5 per piece for non-members. Once a member of TAEA, you are also a member of NAEA. You will need your TAEA ID number which is the same as your NAEA number and can be found after you log in here: <https://www.arteducators.org/login>

What type of artwork can be submitted?

Two-dimensional and low relief works of no more than 2" will be accepted. Each work can be NO LARGER than 18x24 inches (unmatted). No sculpture pieces may be submitted for consideration.

How do I name my submissions for the online submission process this Fall?

Name each file in the following format: GradeLevel_StudentName_TNRegion
(ex. K_JaneSmith_West);
(ex. 1_JohnSmith_Middle);
(ex. 2_JudithSmith_East)

Where are the TN Visual Art Standards located?

You may download the Tennessee Academic Standards for Fine Arts [here](#). You may view an online version of the Tennessee Academic Standards for Fine Arts [here](#). Filter by grade and/or domain or search by keyword.

What do I need to know about Copyright infringement before I submitted an artwork?

Artwork should be original by the student.

[Please review Scholastic Copyright infringement info page.](#)



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(Continued)

How do I submit my student work and pay the \$5 per entry submission fee?

This information is coming soon! This October the TAEA website will have a link to facilitate the digital artwork submission platform and payment instructions for educators who are not members of TAEA. Members will not have a submission fee..

Where is the location of the physical exhibit for the selected art pieces?

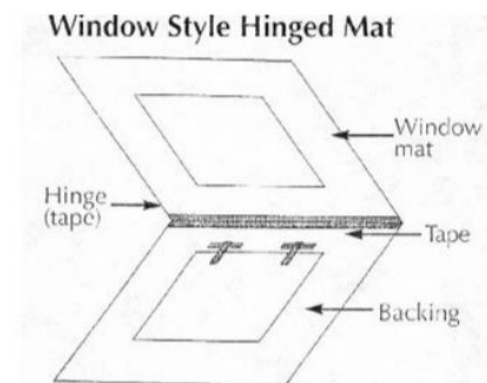
Selected pieces will be announced at the end of November! There will be a virtual exhibition and all the selected finalist pieces will also have their artwork matted and be on display at Nashville's Tennessee State Museum!

What if one of my artworks is selected?

After the judging process, artwork from each grade level will be selected to be displayed at a Nashville location. The finalists' artworks will need to be matted by their art teacher.

Artwork must be presented in a BLACK window-style hinged mat that is constructed of MAT BOARD and a firm foam core backing. Attach the artwork to the backing component, not the window itself. Allow a minimum of 2 inches (maximum of 4 inches) of matting around the work.

These matted works will hang on the wall as is, not in glass frames, so best preparation and presentation is preferred.



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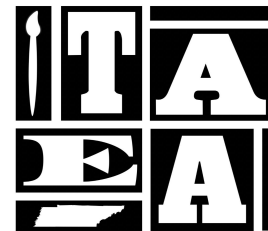


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TAEA's Exhibition Chair: beeharmoni@gmail.com



Student Artist Information

For Parents/Guardians to complete



Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Artwork (*Optional*): _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Art Teacher Name: _____

School Name: _____

School District: _____

Media Release Information

By signing this Media Release Form I give permission for my child's art to be displayed and used in any promotional materials created for Tennessee Art Education Association's *STARS!* Elementary Arts Exhibition. I understand that if selected for the exhibition, my child's art will be on display for 10 to 12 months and the safety of the piece is not guaranteed before it is returned.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name & Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Parents, please return this form to your child's Art teacher so that they may complete the submission and keep the Media Release for their records.*