Guidelines

All students in grades six through 12 who are currently enrolled in public, private, parochial, or home schooled in Wisconsin are eligible to enter.

All entries will be divided into three categories:

Junior Division - grades 6 - 8
Senior Division - grades 9 - 12
Special Needs - grades 6 - 12

Important - Please indicate your division on your artwork and entry form.

Entries may include painting, drawing, computer generated, printmaking, design, sculpture, craft (fabric or jewelry), photography and ceramic. Due to limited exhibit space, instructors may only submit six (6) pieces of artwork and one (1) special needs piece per school.

All art must be the original work of the student. Any size artwork can be submitted. Entries will be made to exhibit all work submitted; however, because of limited exhibit space, it may be necessary that only a representative selection of work is exhibited.

Artwork will not be released for other shows or exhibitions. Submitted work will be judged by artists and art educators sensitive to the unique qualities of student art.

Mounting and Presentation

All works must be matted, framed or mounted [any color] and ready for exhibition. All artwork should have the necessary hardware, eyehooks, picture wire or hanger attached so that the artwork may hang from a small metal hook (see illustration). Single centered hangers are discouraged. The hardware must be able to support the weight of the artwork. A simple piece of corrugate or a very stiff cardboard backing should be used to prevent warping while hanging. Glue the string or wire ends to the back of the FoamCore. Oversized artwork may be displayed upon easels at the discretion of the exhibition staff. Artwork submitted without necessary hardware may not be judged or displayed. Please do not submit entries with wet or sticky surfaces. Pastel, chalk and charcoal works must be covered with acetate. Extremely fragile artwork should not be submitted.

Please note that artwork is greatly affected by changes in the weather and humidity. Masking tape and air-quick should be used in the weather and humidity. Masking tape and air-quick should be used to prevent warping while hanging. Glue the string or wire ends to the back of the FoamCore. Oversized artwork may be displayed upon easels at the discretion of the exhibition staff. Artwork submitted without necessary hardware may not be judged or displayed. Please do not submit entries with wet or sticky surfaces. Pastel, chalk and charcoal works must be covered with acetate. Extremely fragile artwork should not be submitted.

Entry Blank

Clearly print all information on entry blank. Instructions are given on each entry blank. Paste or glue entry blank to flat back of work. For three-dimensional entries, paste or glue the original portion of entry blank on a cardboard tag and fasten securely to artwork.

The inventory artwork sheet must be legible and complete. Incomplete entry blanks will not be considered for judging. If additional entry blanks are needed, make copies or call Wisconsin State Fair at 414/777-0580.

Packing

Package and pad three-dimensional work carefully. Do not submit any three-dimensional work which is not sturdily constructed. Work must be able to withstand repeated handling. Instructions MUST accompany pieces requiring set up. Extremely fragile artwork should not be submitted. Attach card securely to jewelry, with label on back. Please put name of school and division on each entry blank. Improperly packed work may not be considered for judging.

Sending

Instructors are responsible for getting their entries to and from Wisconsin State Fair. Work may be hand delivered or mailed. Students can not drop off or pick up artwork. Hand delivered entries should be delivered to the Tommy G. Thompson Youth Center at Wisconsin State Fair Park, 640 S. 84 St, West Allis, WI, March 27, 2017 between 9 am and 4 pm.

2017 Schedule

March 27, 2017
Works to be delivered or shipped in time to arrive at the Youth Center, Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis.

March 29, 2017
Judging. Judging is not open to the public. April, 2017
Award notification and summary are mailed to schools.

May, 2017
Cash awards are mailed to students. Award notification and summary are mailed to schools.

August 16, 2017
Pick up artwork. (See above for specifics.) Merit certificates and ribbons included with returned artwork.

Awards paid by Wisconsin State Fair

Each exhibitor will receive a merit certificate. Wisconsin State Fair ribbons corresponding to the respective awards will also be given. Each exhibitor will receive a merit certificate. Wisconsin State Fair ribbons corresponding to the respective awards will also be given.

Exhibition Staff Favorites

Each staff member (approximately 10) will choose one piece to receive an Exhibition Staff Favorite ribbon.

JUNIOR DIVISION (Grades 6 - 8), Class 01
(toal of 30 awards) - Cash
10 - $50 cash awards
10 - $40 cash awards
10 - $30 cash awards

SENIOR DIVISION (Grades 9 - 12), Class 02
(toal of 30 awards) - Cash
10 - $50 cash awards
10 - $40 cash awards
10 - $30 cash awards

SPECIAL NEEDS ARTWORK AWARD (Class 01 - 06), Class 03
(toal of 15 awards) - Cash
5 - $50 cash awards
5 - $40 cash awards
5 - $30 cash awards

Best Photography Award, Class 04, 05
The best photography in both the Junior and Senior Divisions will receive a $50 cash prize and ribbon.

New for 2017! Dynamic Digital Art, Class 06, 07
An award for the most dynamic digital artwork. This award will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Winning students will receive $50 and a special ribbon.

New for 2017! Fair-Inspired Art, Class 10, 11
An award for the piece of artwork that best depicts the fair theme, Outliving Happiness & Joy. This award will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Winning students will receive $50 and a special ribbon.

Juniors, Seniors, and Special Needs.

Judges Favorite Award, Class 12, 13, 14
Judges will select their favorite piece from each division. Junior, Senior, and Special Needs. Each winner (total of 3) will receive a judge’s favorite ribbon and $50 cash prize.

Perfect Pencil, Class 15, 16
An award for the best pencil-drawn artwork. This award will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Winning students will receive $50 and a special ribbon.

Poster Award Winner, Class 17
The artwork selected for the 2016 Young People’s Art Exhibit poster will receive $50 and a special ribbon.

Prize Winning Painting, Class 18, 19
An award for the best painted piece. This award will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Winning students will receive $50 and a special ribbon.

Spectacular Sculpture Award, Class 20, 21
An award for the most spectacular sculpture. There is no restriction on the media used to create the best sculpture. This award will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Winning students will receive $50 and a special ribbon.

Young People’s Art Exhibit Best Show Award, Class 22, 23
The Wisconsin State Fair is proud to announce an award for the “Best of Show” in both the Junior and Senior Divisions for the annual Young People’s Art Exhibit at the Wisconsin State Fair. Each “Best of Show” recipient will receive a $100 Best of Show award.

The “Best of Show” artwork may be of any media and should positively reflect the youth of the state.

Special Awards paid by Sponsor

Superintendents Award, Class 24
The gallery superintendent will choose one piece of artwork to receive a $50 prize. This artwork will be selected from all of the artwork submitted to the show.