Guidelines

All students in grades six through twelve 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 clay), 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. Jurors for 2018 are listed below:

Thomas Bucha, Artist
Beth Soddard, Painter
Jim Toth, Retired Art Educator

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 the artwork may hang from a small metal hook (see illustration).

Single centered hangers are discouraged. The hardware must firmly support the weight of the artwork over time. FoamCore or a very stiff cardboard backing should be used to prevent warping while hanging. Hot 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. Molding and air dried clay are especially susceptible to these conditions. Please consider submitting artwork using packing tapes and sculpture using kiln-fired clay.

Entry Blanks

Clearly print all information on entry blank. Teachers must sign each completed entry blank. Paste or glue entry blank to flat back of work. For three-dimensional entries, paste or glue original portion of entry blank on a cardboard tag and fasten securely to work.

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

Pack and pad three-dimensional work carefully. Do not stack 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 on a cardboard tag and fasten securely to work. Clearly print all information on entry blank.

Entries should be shipped in time to arrive at Wisconsin State Fair Park by April 9, 2018. United Parcel Service (UPS) shipping should be addressed to:
Young People’s Art Exhibit
Wisconsin State Fair Park-Youth Center
640 S 84 St
West Allis WI 53214

Pick up and Return

All artwork will be available for pick up at the Wisconsin State Fair Park Young People’s Art Exhibit from 10 am to 2 pm, August 15, 2018. If artwork is to be returned via UPS, indicate on the Inventory Sheet.

Our exhibition staff requests that artwork which is to be returned via UPS should be accompanied by proper cardboard or hardboard packing boxes. If instructors request artwork be mailed to the school, the work must include sufficient money to cover the return postage. Include return postage with submitted artwork, please place in a sealed envelope with the school’s name and labeled ‘money for return postage.’

No Refunds

Responsibility for Entries: Although every possible care will be given to all entries, the Wisconsin State Fair will not be responsible for loss or damage. Artwork not picked up by August 15, 2018, will become the property of Wisconsin State Fair Park.

2018 Schedule

April 9, 2018
Works to be delivered or shipped in time to arrive at the Youth Center, Wisconsin State Fair Park, West Allis.

April 11, 2018
Judging. Judging is not open to the public.

April, 2018
Award notification and summary are mailed to schools.

May, 2018
Cash awards are mailed to students.

August 15, 2018
Pick up artwork (See above for specifics.)

Merit certificates and ribbons included with returned artwork.

Awards

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.

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 - $55 cash awards
10 - $45 cash awards
10 - $35 cash awards

SENIOR DIVISION (Grades 9-12), Class 02
(toal of 30 awards) - Cash
10 - $55 cash awards
10 - $45 cash awards
10 - $35 cash awards

SPECIAL NEEDS ARTWORK AWARD (Grades 6-12), Class 03
(toal of 15 awards) - Cash
5 - $55 cash awards
5 - $45 cash awards
5 - $35 cash awards

Best Photography Award, Class 04, 05
The best photography in both the Junior and Senior Division will receive a $55 cash prize and ribbon.

Color Wheel Inspired Art, Class 06, 07
An award for the best piece of art representing the color wheel. The color wheel must be visible in the artwork to qualify for this award. This award will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Winning students will receive $55 and a special ribbon.

New for 2018! Fair Inspired Art - Recipe for Fun, Class 10, 11
An award for the most original artwork. This award will be given in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. Winning students will receive $55 and a special ribbon.

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 $55 and a special ribbon.

Poster Award Winner, Class 17
The winning poster artwork from the 2018 show will receive $55 and will be featured on the 2019 Young People’s Art Exhibit show.

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 $55 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 $55 and a special ribbon.

Young People’s Art Exhibit Best of Show Award, Class 24, 25
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 $110 Best of Show certificate.

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 26
The gallery superintendents will choose one piece of artwork to receive a $55 prize. This artwork will be selected from all of the artwork submitted to the show.