



General Art Contest Rules for All Grades

Artwork Specifications:

- Artwork should focus on the "I Am Texas" theme. See Guidelines below for suggestions. If the theme of "I Am Texas" is not immediately obvious, please explain the connection to Texas in your artist statement.
- This contest only accepts two-dimensional artwork including drawings, paintings, hand-drawn or hand-painted on paper or canvas for all age categories.
- For high school submissions, we do accept artwork created on a computer or tablet with art making software such as Illustrator, Procreate, or a similar program.
- This contest does not accept photography, photo editing or photo manipulation. We do not accept digital collage or digitally altered images.
- Size requirements: For elementary art: minimum 8"x10" – maximum 11"x14". For middle school and high school art: minimum 11"x14" – maximum 18"x24".
- Artwork may be submitted in either a portrait or landscape orientation.
- Colorful or black and white artwork is acceptable.

Artwork Submission:

- All submissions are to be made electronically through the Submittable platform that includes a place to upload a high-quality image of your artwork. You can reach Submittable through the www.iamtx.org webpage.
 - Pictures of artwork uploaded to the submission form need to be a minimum of 300 dpi.
 - Take the picture in a well-lit area. Double check to make sure the photo is not blurry before uploading it.
 - BEFORE SUBMITTING: Be prepared to enter the title, size, and medium of the artwork. You are also required to create an artist statement and include a parent or guardian's email.
 - Be careful to provide accurate contact information in Submittable. If a student's artwork is in consideration for a monetary award, he or she will be notified by the submitted contact emails.
 - Teachers and parents for grades 2-5 ONLY may submit online OR through the mail using this form: (Art PDF linked here!)
- (The Bryan Museum is not responsible for submissions that never arrive or that arrive late. Please choose a trusted carrier.)
- The artist's statement should explain the artwork's connection to Texas and the thought process behind the creation of the artwork.
 - Submissions must be made by April 30, 2024.

Important Notes:

- KEEP YOUR ORIGINAL ARTWORK. Artists who make it to the final round of judging will be asked to mail their artwork to The Bryan Museum. In addition, top scoring high school artists may be invited to participate in an art auction through The Bryan Museum.
- Messy artwork that looks rushed and careless and/or art with large portions of blank white space (not used intentionally), will not be considered for awards.
- Artwork that contains offensive material will be disqualified.
- Any entries not created solely by the student will be disqualified.
- All images of artwork submitted become the property of The Bryan Museum to be used in marketing and/or advertising for the contest or for other purposes.
- The Bryan Museum does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender, or religions in its programs and contests.

Timeline

- Submissions are accepted from **August 22, 2023 to April 30, 2024.**
- Semi-finalists will be notified via e-mail in May of 2024.
- The first round of judging will be done entirely through viewing the electronic submissions. If your artwork is chosen as a finalist and is therefore in competition for a monetary award, you will be asked to send in your original artwork to The Bryan Museum (late summer 2024). If you are not able to do so in the allotted time, your art will become ineligible to receive one of the top prizes.
- All finalists will be invited to have their artwork on display at The Bryan Museum from mid-September through the end of the year.
- In January of 2025, all original artwork will be returned. If your artwork makes it to the finalist stage, and you do not want it displayed, it will be returned to you for the final round of judging.
- Top awards will be announced in **September of 2024.**