

KNOXVILLE
MUSEUM OF ART



DATE: July 1, 2025

TO: Middle and High School Art Teachers and Principals in the East Tennessee Region

FROM: The Knoxville Museum of Art

RE: **20th Annual East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition**
Friday, November 28, 2025 - Sunday, January 11, 2026

Reception and Awards Presentation Tuesday, December 9, 2025 6-8pm

The Knoxville Museum of Art is pleased to present the *20th Annual East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition*, featuring artwork created by East Tennessee middle and high school students. This competition provides the opportunity for students to participate in a juried exhibition and to have their artworks displayed in a professional art museum environment. The student art exhibition provides an excellent competitive arena for young artists.

The *20th Annual East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition* is open to students in grades 6-12 attending public, private, or home schools in East Tennessee. No more than two (2) entries per student may be entered in the competition, not to exceed 15 entries per teacher. **Only individual artwork will be accepted, no collaboration pieces.**

The Best-in-Show winner will receive a Purchase Award of \$500, and the artwork will become a permanent part of the collection of Mr. James Dodson, on loan to the Knoxville Museum of Art's Education Collection. In addition, several other monetary awards will be presented. Each student in the exhibition will receive a certificate of participation. Each of the 10 Best in Category winners will receive a museum family membership.

The teacher of the student who is selected as this year's Best-in-Show and Best in Middle School, will receive a \$100 Art Educator Award from the Knoxville Museum of Art. Additional Educator Awards will be presented by the Guild of the Knoxville Museum of Art through the Rosalind Martin Educator Award fund.

If you have questions or to receive an information packet, please call the Knoxville Museum of Art at 865.5934.2041 or e-mail dfeliciano@knoxart.org.

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Teachers

We invite you to participate in the ETRSAE. If you wish to enter your students' work, please call DeLena Feliciano at the Knoxville Museum of Art, 865.934.2041, or e-mail dfeliciano@knoxart.org. We ask that you submit the highest quality of artwork and be aware of the number of entries entered into the competition, not to exceed 15 entries per teacher (Only 2 works per student per current art teacher.)

Artists Eligible

The competition is open to students, grades 6-12, attending public, private, or home schools in the counties of East Tennessee.

Categories

- **Ceramic:** Any artwork made of clay and hardened by heat.
- **Drawing:** Any artwork made with a pencil, pen, or crayon.
- **Mixed Media:** The use of a variety of media in an artwork.
- **Painting:** The process of using paint.
- **Computer Graphics:** The process of generating an image or artwork with a computer and then printed.
- **Sculpture:** Any three-dimensional, which presents height, width, and depth. **Sculptures should be of a reasonable size and individually boxed.**
- **Digital and Traditional Photography:** An artwork created by analog or digital camera.
- **Printmaking:** The process of transferring an image. Traditional printmaking techniques are woodcut, etching, engraving, and lithography.
- **Video Production:** The process of producing video content for a video. **Please submit videos in HD Resolution or smaller format on a Flash Drive. Please do not submit in an Apple format.**

Works Eligible

All entries must be the original work of the student and not copied images of another artist's artwork. Do not submit any artwork copied from published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, website, or other art resources.

- **Artwork previously submitted to the East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition competition is not eligible.**
- **Only artwork completed in December 2024 through November 2025 is eligible to enter the competition.**
- **Teachers, before submitting your student's artwork, please remember to take all necessary photos, for their portfolio and submission to other art exhibitions or academy/schools.**

Presentation Form

- Judges have urged teachers to take care with all aspects of presentation form.
- Mats should be white, cream, or black. Do not hot glue wire or Velcro any hanging attachments
- **Do not use glass. Glass is excluded from the exhibition for reasons of safety.**
- Framed canvases must come with all necessary provisions for hanging.
- All pastels and charcoals must be sprayed with a fixative.
- Artworks can be backed with cardboard and please firmly tape.
- Ceramics must be properly fired.

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

Preparation

- Please write any special instructions on the entry form or on a separate sheet of paper.
- Entry Title: If the artwork is Untitled, have your student write "Untitled."
- Please explain the Categories to you students. (See above)
- Media: If one or more media is used in a Drawing, then it is Mixed Media, please write out all the different materials used. Do not leave it blank.
- Please have your students print their name on the back of their artwork.

Reasonable care of entries will be taken by the Knoxville Museum of Art, but the staff of the Knoxville Museum of Art assumes no responsibility for the loss or damage to entries.

**THE MUSEUM WILL ONLY ACCEPT THE TYPEWRITTEN WRITEABLE PDF FORMS ON KMA'S WEBSITE AT WWW.KNOXART.ORG.
NO HANDWRITTEN ENTRY FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Entries and Entry Form

No more than 2 entries per student may be entered in the competition. Teachers, please submit the highest quality artwork and be aware of the number of entries entered into the competition **NOT TO EXCEED 15 ENTRIES PER TEACHER.** All work must be signed by the student, parent, or teacher attesting to its originality. If there is doubt as to the originality, the teacher should NOT submit it. Teachers use the writeable PDF Form, located at www.knoxart.org/educator-resources.

Please attach **two copies** of the entry form to the back of the artwork. One copy of the entry form should be completely attached with tape, and the second copy should be attached so it can easily be removed at judging. **Please use masking tape, painter tape, or artist tape.** Teachers, please keep a copy for your records.

Teachers: When dropping off your students' artworks, please have the Check-In Card filled out. Please count the number of artworks in each grade level and the number of artworks you are dropping off. Please do all of this before arriving at the Museum. KMA will no-longer accept artworks dropped off by a student. **The student cannot sign or fill-out the Check-In Card.**

Awards and Prizes - The Best-in-Show Purchase Award. All high school entries are eligible for the Best-in-Show Purchase Award for which the artist receives the \$500 cash prize and the artwork will become part of the Jim Dodson Collection, on loan to the KMA. If the students do not want their artwork to be consider for Best in Show, please indicate on the entry form. The Best in Middle School will receive a cash award of \$250. Additional awards will be given to the best of each category. The teachers of the student awarded Best-in Show, middle and high school will receive \$100 cash from the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Best in Show	\$500
Best in Show-Middle School	\$250
Best Painting	\$50
Best Sculpture	\$50
Best Computer Graphic	\$50

Best Drawing	\$50
Best Photograph	\$50
Best Ceramic	\$50
Best Video Production	\$50
Best Print	\$50
Best Mixed Media	\$50

Prizes will also be given for each grade level for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners.

First Prize	Gift Certificate
Second Prize	Gift Certificate
Third Prize	Gift Certificate

Three Honorable Mentions per grade

Every student juried into the exhibition will receive a certificate of participation.

The Best in Category Winners:

This artwork will remain at KMA until the *Tennessee's Best of the Best Student Art Exhibition* in Nashville, TN.

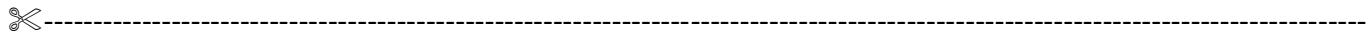
This artwork cannot be entered into any other competition until after the closing of the *Best of the Best* Exhibition.

Judging

Selections for entry must be made in the schools. Entries violating any of the rules will be automatically disqualified before judging. Final selections for the exhibition and awards will be made by a jury, and entrants will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance of their entries. Judging will be by categories and then by grade levels.

Delivery and Pick-Up

Please enter through the main entrance of the museum. You may park in front of the museum or in the staff parking lot. After the exhibition closes, artwork **MUST BE PICKED UP** by the teacher or their designated school representative.



East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
 Thursday, November 6, 2025
 Friday, November 7, 2025
 *Saturday, November 8, 2025

Dropping off the artwork

Intake of Artwork	10:30am–4:45pm
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*Parking will be provided in the Museum Staff and Visitor Parking Lot.
 There is **no** home football game at the University of Tennessee.

Judging

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Acceptance Notices Sent by E-mail Friday, November 14, 2025

Pickup dates for artworks **NOT** in the Exhibition

Friday, November 14, 2025	Pick-up Not Accepted Artwork	10:30am–4:45pm
*Saturday, November 15, 2025	*The KMA will be closed for a Home Game at The University of Tennessee - No pick-up will be available that day	
Sunday, November 16, 2024	Pick-up Not Accepted Artwork	1:00-4:45pm
Tuesday, November 18, 2025	Pick-up Not Accepted Artwork	10:30am–4:45pm

Pick-up dates after the exhibition closes

Thursday, January 15, 2026	10:30am 4:45pm
Friday, January 16, 2026	10:30am–4:45pm
Saturday, January 17, 2026	10:30am–4:45pm
Sunday, January 18, 2026	1:00–4:45pm

The museum has no extra storage space, and therefore any artwork not picked up by **Sunday, January 18, 2026, by 4:45pm**, will be removed on the following Tuesday. Please plan with fellow instructors to pick-up all artwork, or contact the museum for special pickup time to avoid any problems.

Contact the Director of Education, DeLena Feliciano, with any questions: 865.934.2041, or e-mail dfeliciano@knoxart.org.