

# MICHIGAN YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL



# High School Visual Art Guidelines

## Purpose

The Youth Arts Festival offers the Michigan Art Education Association an opportunity to present outstanding artworks by Michigan high school students. The MAEA Council has endorsed the activity and considers it both a privilege and a responsibility to:

1. Recognize students with significant creative ability.
2. Value the aesthetic quality evident in student work and encourage it as possible for all students.
3. Share student artwork indicative of good art education with the public.
4. Encourage the appreciation and understanding of creative artistic achievement.

## Procedure

High school art teachers throughout the state who are members of MAEA are invited to submit **not more than five of their students'** works of art to the MAEA regional liaison chairperson to be shown in their respective exhibits held in February and early March. Transportation of the work to the regional liaison chairperson or exhibit is to be borne by the participating teacher or school.

The regional liaison chairperson will arrange for an exhibition in each region and will announce exhibit dates to participating schools. Student artworks in grades 9-12 will be juried on the regional level with winning entries continuing on to the state adjudication. Each region may submit one-half (1/2) of its MAEA members.

## Return of Work

Regional exhibit chairpersons will arrange a procedure for pickup of works in their respective regions.

Although every reasonable precaution will be taken, the sponsoring groups and hosts cannot be responsible for loss or damage, however caused.

Students whose work has been selected for the MAEA Governor's Traveling Exhibit will be notified after the March adjudication. The work selected for the traveling exhibit will remain in custody of MAEA for one year before their return via Regional Liaison.

## Categories

Painting	Drawings	Mixed Media
Jewelry	Graphics	Photography
Crafts	Ceramics	Computer Design
Weaving	Sculpture (20 lb. max.)	

## Specifications

Two-dimensional entries must be matted with backing suitable for hanging. Acetate protection is required and must cover both artwork and mat. Framing is most desirable. Use package tape only (no masking tape) and strong **hanger** on back. A small plastic plate with a hole is recommended. Oils and acrylics must be framed - **No Glass**. Jewelry must be attached to a display box. Three-dimensional pieces must be boxed. Work to be considered for the Governor's Traveling Exhibit must be two-dimensional and no larger than 30" x 30" after matting or framing. **Please**, no stickers or name tags on work. **Work not meeting specifications will be rejected at State adjudication.**

**IMPORTANT! A brief learning statement about the artwork must accompany the work. Attach the typed learning statement (short paragraph) to the bottom of the removable entry form where indicated.**

Fill out an entry blank for each piece of work. Please duplicate this form for your five entries, make a copy for your records also. Please **type or print all information**. Attach to bottom of three-dimensional work. The ENTIRE FORM must be attached to entry. Do not tear off bottom portion and do not attach bottom portion to work. This portion goes to WMU for participant contact letters and program listing. **Please write region number in box. Work will not be accepted at the State Level for judging if entry blanks are not filled out in their entirety.**

## Awards

Regional show participants will receive certificates.

High school students (grades 9-12) who have work selected for the exhibition may attend the Michigan Youth Arts Festival May 11-13, 2006. The exhibit will be in the Multi-Media Room, Dorothy U. Dalton Center, Western Michigan University and is open to the public.

Each artist will be invited to participate in Master classes as well as experience the full Festival. Students selected for the Top 18 will be honored at a luncheon at WMU, Saturday, May 13, 2006. All participants will receive a certificate stating participation, Top 18 and/or Governor's Traveling Exhibit. Top 18 students will receive a personalized sketchbook.

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