

MAEA High School – MYAF Art Exhibit Guidelines Revised 10-17



PURPOSE

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival (MYAF) offers the Michigan Art Education Association (MAEA) the unique opportunity to showcase outstanding artwork produced by high school art students from all the regions of the state of Michigan. The MAEA Council has endorsed this activity and is supported financially to accomplish this very important goal. The Festival also serves our mission of providing advocacy in the visual arts. Artwork submitted for MYAF can also be considered for the Governor's Travelling Show (GTS), a yearlong exhibition hosted in multiple locations statewide.

QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ Submitting teacher must be a current MAEA member. Student teacher members may submit work but must supply their cooperating teacher's contact information.
- ✓ FIVE (5) pieces of student work per each art educator.
- ✓ No more than two pieces of artwork by an individual student.
- ✓ Only original artwork.
- ✓ Only 2-D artwork smaller than 30"x30" is eligible for the GTS. (This measurement *includes* the frame.)
- ✓ 3-D work should be less than 20lbs.
- ✓ All work must be submitted through the region liaison.
- ✓ The MAEA suggests that teachers consider the appropriateness of content when submitting artwork to MAEA sponsored exhibits. State-supported facilities reserve the right to determine if artwork is suitable for their venue.
- ✓ Acceptable media include painting, drawing, digital art, photography, crafts, fiber art, ceramics, mixed media, computer design, jewelry, and sculpture.

PREPARATION

1. 2-D art should be matted/mounted and have a RIGID backing like matboard or cardboard, not railroad board.
2. 2-D work must be completely covered in acetate, including mat.
3. Framed work must have frames in good condition and should have Plexiglas rather than glass.
4. Oils and Acrylics must be wired for hanging, and should be framed or have their edges finished.
5. 3-D work must be submitted with its own sturdy shipping box. It is helpful to have teacher name and region written somewhere on this box. Some teachers just tape an extra registration form to the box.
6. Write your region number on the top right corner of the back of 2-D artwork.
7. ASK YOUR REGION LIAISON: for your regional show, often your liaison or coordinator will ask that you use plastic Zig Zag hangers *only* (no wire) on the backs of your pieces, or that you prepare your labels a certain way. Make sure to check in with them to find out what's needed for their local exhibition. These requirements may not be necessary for state level submission.

SUBMISSION

1. Download 'K-12 Entry Form for Regional Shows' editable PDF from www.miarted.org/events.php
2. SAVE A COPY OF THIS FORM TO YOUR COMPUTER. Type your information on the saved copy. This allows you to save as you continue editing.
3. No handwritten copies will be accepted.
4. Obtain parent signature for permission, or student signature if student is age 18.
5. Print three copies.
6. ONE COPY of the entry form must be affixed securely to the BACK of each piece. Packing tape is great.
7. A SECOND COPY of the entry form must be taped over the official form on the top only for easy removal. (Page protectors or envelopes work great.)
8. A THIRD COPY of the form will be used for the learning label/learning statement. Label/learning statement can either be taped on or included in an envelope or page protector.

RETURN OF ARTWORK

Artwork not accepted into the state show will be returned by your regional liaison after the final adjudication in Lansing. Artwork accepted into the MYAF Exhibit will be returned by liaisons following the May Council meeting. Previous year's GTS pieces will be returned at this time also. Students whose work is accepted into the GTS should be prepared to not have the piece in their possession for a full year.

AWARDS

Students who have had their work juried into the MYAF Visual Art Exhibit will be invited to attend the Festival held on the campus of WMU in early May. During the Festival, art students are able to take part in art workshops and attend all the many activities that take place at the festival. Top 18 students are honored at a luncheon held on Saturday of the Festival. All participants in MYAF will receive a special certificate honoring their achievement.

MYAF dates will be posted on the MAEA website. For further assistance, contact Sarah Nott and Laura Todd at michiganyouthartsfestival.art@gmail.com. We are volunteers, just like you-- we'll do the best we can to help!