Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Frequently Asked Questions

Submission Process

- Where do I find the submission forms?
- How do I tag my work?
- What are the entry fees?
- What should I do if my family and I can't afford the cost of entering?
- What is your plagiarism policy?
- Can work be submitted as group collaboration?
- Is there a specific theme students have to address?
- Can I enter more than one work?
- Can I enter in more than one category?
- Can I submit to both art and writing?
- Are there size limitations for submitted artwork?
- What size should my image be?
- Are there word limits for writing?
- If I created my work with two different media (i.e. pencil and paint), is that considered mixed media?
- Can artwork or writing be named "UNTITLED"?
- How does the student choose which works to include in their art or writing portfolio?
- Can a Senior Art Portfolio be in a variety of media (e.g.: paintings, photographs, & video clips)?
- Can a Senior Writing Portfolio be in a variety of genres (e.g.: poetry, short story, personal essay)?
- Can I submit both a portfolio and works in individual categories?
- Can I re-submit a work that I submitted to the Scholastic Awards in a previous year?
- Can I submit a work if it has already been published or won a prize somewhere else?

- Can I submit a work that was turned in as a class assignment for a grade?
- Do I need to submit a consent from the subject(s) in my photo/video?

Guidelines and Deadlines

- How do I know which region I'm in? Where do I submit my work?
- What are the art and writing deadlines for my region?
- Who can participate in the Awards?
- What does "Region-at-Large" mean?
- Can international students apply?
- I'm currently enrolled in a non-traditional high school (i.e an alternative school or GED program). Am I still eligible to participate in the Awards?

Registration

- How should I select my school if I am enrolled in an online school, home school network, or long distance program?
- How do I register my work?
- What information will I need in order to register?
- Can a student register their work without an educator present?
- Are educators required to register in the Online Registration System?
- My school isn't on the list. What do I do?
- I'm still working on my submission. Should I wait to register until I have finished?
- I mailed my submission form in and then changed information about my work. Should I re-mail the form?
- I've registered, but I can't remember my email or password. What do I do?
- Is an email address required for participation in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards?
- I produced my art/writing at a program that wasn't my day school. Should I enter the school I attend or the program where my work was made?

- Do I have to obtain an educator's signature in order to participate?
- I created the work on my own at home, without the guidance of an educator. Do I still need to get an educator's signature on the forms?
- Can I go back into the Online Registration System after the deadline has passed to make changes to my registration or the work submitted?

Recognition

- I received a Gold Key in Art. What happens to my work now?
- I received a Gold Key in Writing. What happens to my work now?
- Are Silver Keys entered into the national competition?
- What do students receive if they earn a National Medal?

Exhibitions

- If I receive an award at the regional level, will my work be exhibited?
- When will my artwork be returned after the regional exhibition?
- If I earn a National Medal, will my artwork be exhibited?
- When will my artwork be returned if I am selected as a National Medalist?
- Why do you hold National Medalist artwork for two years?

Publications

- If I earn a National Medal, will my work be published?

Scholarships

- Are students who earn regional awards eligible to receive scholarships?
- Are students who earn National Medals eligible to receive scholarships?
- How do you determine which students receive scholarships for portfolios?
- Are there any special scholarship opportunities?
- Is receiving a regional award prestigious to colleges and universities?

General Information

- Are there opportunities for Alums of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards?
- What is the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers?
- What are the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards?
- What are Affiliate Partners?
- I saw a piece of student work that I'd like to buy. Can you send me the student's contact information or contact them on my behalf?

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