

FAQ - VSA Wisconsin Call for Art

Who can submit art?

Wisconsin artists with behavioral, cognitive, learning, mental illness or physical disabilities over the age of 5 years old may submit original art work. Award winners in the past three years, may enter art, but works will not be eligible for a purchase award - though they still may win other awards.

What are the artwork requirements?

You may send up to 2 works of art which may be 2D or 3D in ceramics, mixed media, acrylic, oil and watercolor paintings, drawing, prints, photography and digital media, collage, sculpture and textiles. Name, title and price must be placed on the back or bottom of each piece. An artist's statement is required – a support person may complete statement for non-verbal entrants. Works may not exceed 24" x 36" or weigh over 20 pounds. Digital entries must be under 4 minutes.

Can I send a digital photo of my art?

You will need to send the **original art**, not a photo.

What is an artist statement?

An artist statement describes what you want people to know about you and your art. It can include biographical information, information about what inspires you to make art generally or information about a specific piece or pieces. An artist statement is required for all participants – a support person may assist in completing artist statement for non-verbal entrants. This registration system allows a maximum of 500 characters for your artist statement – which is about the length of this answer.

I forgot to print my entry form – can you send me a copy?

No, unfortunately we're unable to create, print and send entry forms. But, you receive a copy of your registration information in your e-mail after you register – so you can print it out if you need it.

What happens after art is submitted?

All art submissions will be displayed for the jury process and if space allows, all art will be displayed for three weeks (April 15- May 4th) in VSA's Visual Expressions: A Call for Art Exhibition. (At least one work will be displayed by each artist - if not enough space for all art works to be exhibited.) The ten (jury selected) winners of the Creative Power Awards become VSA property, and will be displayed while traveling the state of Wisconsin for 3 years in the Creative Power Traveling Exhibition. Adult and Young Adult submissions may be sold with 70% paid to artist. All art submissions not selected for Creative Power Awards or sold must be picked up by June 14, 2019, unless return postage is included for return shipping.

Is the reception open to the public, and can classrooms visit exhibit?

Yes. The exhibit will open April 15th with hours from 9 am - 4:30 pm and public reception from 2-4 pm on May 4th, 2019.

How will I know how much return postage to include with my art submission if I want it shipped back?

The postage amount you were charged to send your package to us should be the perfect amount to ship it back. Some participants simply purchase pre-paid postage to send with their art, or you may send us a check made out to VSA Wisconsin for the same amount of postage.

Can I drop my art off and can I pick it up after the exhibit comes down?

Yes, you may drop off art up to the entry deadline and, after the conclusion of the exhibition, you may pick up art during VSA Gallery hours, Monday – Thursday 9-4:00 pm by appointment.

This is really a different process from previous years – why the change?

We moved to a digital format for the entry form in 2017. Our hope is that it is more convenient for most participants and easier on the environment.

What are the age submission categories?

Child = ages 5-10 **Youth** = ages 11-15 **Young Adult** = ages 16-21 **Adult** = ages 22+

My entry form says I've already submitted; I have several participants under one email account. How can I do submissions for multiple entrants?

The software program will only accept one submission/registration per email address. You will need to enter a different email for each submission. These e-mails do not have to be real e-mail addresses, provided that a correct contact e-mail is provided for the person submitting artwork and/or the parent/guardian. One easy way to create an e-mail address is to add the artist initials to your e-mail address. For example: tina.rock.kw@medford.k12.wi.edu or tina.rock.msa@medford.k12.wi.edu.

I'm submitting work for multiple students – do I have to enter my information again each time I submit the form?

Yes, but you may fill in the common information, print out copies of this form and fill in the unique information for each participant, then submit the hard copies with the artwork.

Why does VSA need a W-9 filled out and submitted?

Artworks by entrants ages 16 and older must be for sale. In order to process any payments to the artist, we need a completed W-9 form. (Artists will receive 70% of any sales. VSA uses the remaining 30% or a minimum of \$10.00 to our cover costs and to continue our programs for persons with disabilities.)