



# The Mayor's Art Scholarship

*Neighborhoods, Identity, and Diversity*

## 2018 – 2019 Competition

The Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs partners with Houston Arts Partners to organize a citywide student art competition that raises awareness about Houston's cultural vitality.

The Houston Arts Partners coalition was established by area school districts and community partners in 2009, with Young Audiences of Houston, a 501(c)3 organization, serving as managing partner and fiscal agent. Through this unique, collaborative partnership, the Houston Arts Partners coalition has positively impacted young lives in the region through their annual arts education conference and by establishing a network between local arts organizations and school districts.

Working in the arts helps us think creatively and critically and lets us be more prepared for the future. In order to broaden the scope and raise the profile for this competition, Mayor Sylvester Turner has increased the value of the total scholarship amount to more than double from previous years. The Houston Arts Partners and the City of Houston coordinate this citywide art scholarship together.

**Purpose:** The annual Mayor's Art Scholarship Houston competition fosters collaboration among Houston-area high school fine arts departments and recognizes excellence in student visual art and creative writing that positively expresses cultural identities and features of life in Houston-area neighborhoods.

### Goals:

- I. **Provide** a forum for self-expression and creative thinking in neighborhoods
- II. **Recognize** achievement and excellence in visual arts and creative writing among high school students in the city
- III. **Foster** the arts as a means to strengthen relationships amongst students, communities and higher education.

## Mayor's Art Scholarship Levels:

In 2019, the following prizes will be awarded for Visual Arts. Scholarships are paid directly to the college or university in which the winning student enrolls, and may be used at any non-profit college or university in the United States.

### Seniors' Prize Levels:

First Place: \$5,000.00

Second Place: \$3,000.00

Third Place: \$2000.00

### Juniors' Prize Levels:

First Place: \$1,000.00

Second Place: \$1,000.00

Third Place: \$1,000.00

**Selection of Art:** All participants' pieces are subject to art teachers', district fine art administrators', and Houston Arts Partners representatives' criteria for selection. We encourage all participants to:

- be in good academic standing
- work with an art teacher or other teacher to submit their work
- be given opportunities for verbal and written expression of their work, to communicate with universities, and to interact with their peers in workshops
- abide by all US copyright laws
- avoid content that is sensationalistic or offensive to the community
- relate their work to *community, diversity, neighborhoods, self-identity, and/or cultural vitality*

## Requirements:

**Who Can Participate:** The competition is open to all students in grades 11-12 currently enrolled in high schools of **public school districts** and **public charter school systems** in the Houston region (ESC Region 4 and additional districts) where the Houston Arts Partners coalition is active.

**Deadline: All entries and paperwork should be received at the Young Audiences of Houston office at 4550 Post Oak Place Drive, Suite #230, Houston, TX, 77027 by 5:00pm on Monday, March 25, 2019.**

- Visual Art entries must be dropped off in person or sent by regular mail, and may NOT be emailed.

### Visual Art Requirements:

- Students may submit one (1) piece per scholarship cycle.
- All artwork must be accompanied by completed entry forms that are signed by an educator from the participant's school.
  - The form labeled "Artwork Label Form" should be affixed to the back of the artwork as described on the form.
  - The form labeled "Student Entry Form" and the Student Essay should be handed in separately, not attached to the artwork.
- We recommend that all entries be created during the participant's public school art class with a teacher's supervision.
- All pieces must be entirely original. Do not copy an existing work of art. If the student is creating an artwork based on a photo, the photo must have been taken by the student artist or a member of the student's immediate family, and you must attach a copy of the photo to the back of your artwork.

- Artwork can be in any medium; however:
  - All artwork must be matted, reinforced on the back with black or white mat board or cardboard, and be ready for display. All canvas entries must be stretched and mounted to a wood stretcher, with eye screws and picture wire installed inside the stretched canvas frame. Artwork that is not ready to hang will not be displayed.
  - Maximum size of any piece is 30" X 36" including the mat or frame, but pieces may be smaller.
  - Artwork is 2D but may extend up to three (3) inches beyond the display surface or wall.
  - While students may submit photographs or art created or modified on a computer, emailed digital files are not accepted for the visual art competition. All digitally created art should be submitted in a format ready for and adhering to all other guidelines for physical display.
  - Protect your artwork! Make sure the mat and any collage elements are fastened securely, charcoal is appropriately fixed, and any substance that is heavily built up (like paint or pastel) will not chip or smudge. Please submit with appropriate protective covering such as a slip sheet, a portfolio, or a glassine envelope.
- If submitting multiple pieces, the art teacher from each high school should also submit an inventory of all works submitted from the same high school.
- Students may submit their own artwork if an art teacher is not available. Please select a teacher of another subject or a school administrator to complete the Teacher portions of the entry forms.
- The piece must have been created between June 1, 2018, and the submission deadline.
- The piece should not have been entered into any other competition before or during the Mayor's Art Scholarship Competition.
- **After the Competition:** Scholarship recipients' visual art pieces may remain with Houston Arts Partners up to one year after the scholarship event, and some entrants' artwork will be included in a temporary exhibition at Houston City Hall during the month of April 2019 for publicity purposes. However, not all artwork will be included due to space limitations. Students are ultimately responsible for picking up their own work following adjudication, the exhibition, etc. They will be notified of when and where they can pick it up.

**Submissions that do not meet the requirements or abide by the restrictions will be disqualified from the competition.**

## Mayor's Art Scholarship Checklist:

### All Participants:

- \_\_\_ Have you submitted your visual art piece?
- \_\_\_ Did you place the Artwork Label Form on the back of your piece?
- \_\_\_ On separate sheets of paper, have you submitted the following required components?
  - your completed Student Entry Form with teacher signature?
  - your Student Essay of no more than 300 words?

### Connect With Us!

#### Houston Arts Partners

[www.houstonartspartners.org](http://www.houstonartspartners.org)

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#### City of Houston Department of Neighborhoods

[www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods](http://www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods)

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#### Mayor's Office of Education

[www.houstontx.gov/education](http://www.houstontx.gov/education)

#### Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs

<http://www.houstontx.gov/culturalaffairs>

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Student Entry Form – Please type (preferred) or print clearly in pen.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

First Choice College \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

Medium(s): Oil / Acrylic / Watercolor / Pencil / Colored Pencil / Ink / Charcoal / Pastel / Crayon / Recycled Materials / Collage /  
Photography / Digital

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## ORIGINALITY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the art entry described above is an original work of authorship by the undersigned student and that it is not copied from, nor does it include, any other person's copyrighted work. (Initial the lines below.)

- If applicable, I have attached any source photo(s) (taken by me or an immediate family member) to the back of the artwork.  
 I certify that the work was not entered into any other competition before/during the Mayor's Art Scholarship Competition.  
 I affirm that this work was created between June 1, 2018, and the submission deadline.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## ARTWORK RELEASE

We, the undersigned, grant the Mayor's Art Scholarship the right to publicly display the entry, if selected, in accordance with the rules of the Mayor's Art Scholarship, for up to one year from the submission date. The undersigned also grant the organizers of Mayor's Art Scholarship the right to reproduce the entry for any non-commercial purpose. The undersigned will not hold Mayor's Art Scholarship liable for damage, loss, or misappropriation of the entry during the Art Scholarship. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City of Houston, Houston Arts Partners, and affiliated partners against any and all claims of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, claims of copyright infringement, by any party whatsoever, arising out of or in any way related to the submission of the art entry in the Mayor's Art Scholarship. Student and Parent agree to be responsible for picking up artwork.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(if student is under 18)

Questions? Please contact the contest manager, Troy Scheid, at 713-552-9345 or [troy@houstonartspartners.org](mailto:troy@houstonartspartners.org)

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Student Essay (All Participants)

Please respond to the essay topic below **on a separate page** and attach to the Student Entry Form.

- Limit your essay to 300 words or less.
- Please type your essay if possible. If it is not possible to type your essay, please print it clearly in black pen.
- Please do not print your essay on the back of the entry form. Use a separate page.
- At the top of the essay page, please type the following information:
  - Your Name
  - Your Grade Level
  - Your Teacher's Name
  - Your School
  - Your District

**Essay Topic:** Please explain how your visual art or creative writing piece relates to one or many of the following themes: *community, diversity, neighborhoods, self-identity, and/or cultural vitality*

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Artwork Label Form

*(Please attach this form only to the back of the entry with the arrows pointed toward the top of the artwork.)*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

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