



# Huntsville Museum of Art

November 13, 2023

**MEMORANDUM:**

TO: Principals and Art Teachers  
(Athens City, Limestone County, Decatur City and Scottsboro City  
Elementary Public Schools)

FROM: Laura E. Smith, Director of Education/Museum Academy

RE: **YAM 2024: Youth Art Month** exhibition  
**Guidelines Attached**

This year marks the 37<sup>th</sup> annual **Youth Art Month (YAM)** exhibition of K-12 student artwork at the Huntsville Museum of Art. The **YAM** and **Congressional Art Competition** winning entry (**CAC**) exhibitions will be on view **February 25 – March 31, 2024** while **Visual Arts Achievement Program (VAA)** exhibition will be on view **February 25, 2024**. The YAM opening and the VAA and Congressional Art Competition awards presentation will take place on **Sunday, February 25, 2024**.

This exhibition not only showcases the exuberance and vitality of children's art, but also underscores the importance of art as an essential subject in students' curriculum. Great art teachers are dedicated to educating students about art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and studio production and ensuring that students are exposed to a variety of art techniques, artists, and materials. A qualified, certified art teacher is an essential component in providing that all students receive the best art education possible.

The National Art Education Association (NAEA), Alabama Art Education Association (AAEA), Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Arts Alliance (AAA), and the Huntsville-Madison County Art Education Association (HMCAEA) all endorse **Youth Art Month** in recognition of quality student artwork inspired by certified art teachers in the classroom.

Attached you find the **YAM/VAA/CAC 2024 GUIDELINES**. PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU **DO NOT MISS ANY IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES!**

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**2024 SCHEDULE**  
**YOUTH ART MONTH (YAM)/VISUAL ARTS ACHIVEMENT (VAA)/**  
**CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION (CAC)/**  
**EXHIBITIONS**

- Monday, January 29      **8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I**  
YAM/VAA/CAC Middle/High School entries accepted  
(private, public city, and designated counties)(Huntsville City/Madison  
City/Madison County (Public and Private Schools); Decatur City/Athens  
City/Limestone County/Scottsboro City (Public Schools); All  
Homeschool organizations Elementary, Middle and High School  
Artwork Due: K-12 (Huntsville City/Madison City/Madison County  
Decatur City/Athens City/Limestone County/Scottsboro City)
- Tuesday, January 30      **10:00 am-12:00 pm: Location – Judy & Oscar Maxwell Hall**  
Jurying of VAA (District V Schools: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee,  
Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson,  
Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan,  
St. Clair, & Winston counties) and 5th Congressional District Art  
Competition and Homeschool organizations' Artwork K-12
- Wednesday, January 31      **8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I**  
YAM Elementary entries accepted (private, public city and designated  
counties)(Huntsville City/Madison City/Madison County (Public and  
Private Schools); Decatur City/Athens City/Limestone  
County/Scottsboro City (Public Schools)
- Friday, February 2      Notification of VAA/CAC winners to art teachers
- Wednesday, February 14 &  
Thursday, February 15      **8:30 am- 5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I**  
Pick-up for non-selected artwork:  
Middle/High School YAM/VAA/CAC entries  
(private, city, county and home schools)
- Sunday, February 25      **YAM/VAA/Congressional Art Competition Exhibitions Open**
- **2:00 pm:** awards presentation for VAA/CAC participants –  
Great Hall
- Sunday, February 25      Last day of **VAA 2024** and **CAC 2024 Honorable Mentions** exhibitions
- Sunday, March 31      Last day of **YAM/CAC Winner** exhibitions
- Wednesday, April 3 thru  
Friday, April 5      **8:30 am-5:00 pm: Museum Academy Studio I**  
Artwork Pick-up: YAM  
Thank you for making the *Youth Art Month (YAM)* K-12 exhibition  
a joyous celebration of student artwork!

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Huntsville Museum of Art  
YAM 2024 GUIDELINES  
FOR  
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS  
(DECATUR CITY, ATHENS CITY, LIMESTONE COUNTY, AND  
SCOTTSBORO CITY)

Each elementary art teacher may submit **1** work of art per school. All school entries should be kept together and presented in a portfolio or box. Remember that these are the final art works that will be hung in the exhibition. **Please attach inventory sheet to the outside of the portfolio or box.**

1. **Entries may be two-dimensional (Maximum 20"x 24") or three-dimensional to fit on a pedestal or to be hung on the wall.** Artwork does not need to be matted. Works submitted for YAM 2024 will be framed for the exhibit. The frames are the property of the Museum and are not for sale.
2. Work should be selected based on quality, creativity, and presentation. Entries not meeting these standards will not be accepted.
3. **No Xerox, ditto, copied, or traced works will be accepted for exhibition in YAM 2024.** (*Defined as a work of art that is copied from a published photograph, magazine, book illustration, web site, other artwork, or by another person.*)  
As the art teacher, I further give my permission for publication of my student's work for publicity and archival purposes only, both in print and on-line. The Huntsville Museum of Art is not responsible for loss, damage or breakage.
4. **No group works** will be accepted due to space limitations.
5. Artwork **will not contain organic materials** (i.e. food products).
6. **All entries must have a completed YAM entry form securely attached to the back of the artwork.** Please be sure the information is accurate and complete. Many students never receive notice that they are in the show because the entry form has incorrect information on it.

**YAM selections for ALL Elementary Schools (public, city, and county schools DOES NOT include Homeschool organizations)** will be accepted here at the Museum Academy Studio I located on the pondside at Big Spring Park on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 from 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.** Look for directional signs. **No entries will be accepted after these times.** (You may also submit your entries early by dropping them off at our Admissions Desk in the Museum Lobby.)

**If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Laura E. Smith, Director of Education/Museum Academy at 256.535.6372/e-mail: [lsmith@hsvmuseum.org](mailto:lsmith@hsvmuseum.org).**

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## YAM 2024 ENTRY FORM

**STUDENT'S NAME:**  
**SCHOOL:**  
**GRADE:**  
**ART TEACHER:**  
**TITLE (if applicable):**  
**MEDIUM:**

**Please attach inventory sheet to the outside of the portfolio or box.**



## YAM 2024

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Decatur City, Athens City, Limestone County, and Scottsboro City Public Schools  
**INVENTORY OF ARTWORK SUBMITTED**

Art Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # of School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name

Title of Artwork/Medium

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