



Huntsville Museum of Art

November 6, 2024

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 2025: Youth Art Month** exhibition
Guidelines Attached

This year marks the 38th 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 23 – 27, 2025** while **Visual Arts Achievement Program (VAA)** exhibition will be on view **February 23, 2025**. The YAM opening and the VAA and Congressional Art Competition awards presentation will take place on **Sunday, February 23, 2025**.

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 2025 GUIDELINES**. PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU **DO NOT MISS ANY IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES!**

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2025 SCHEDULE
**YOUTH ART MONTH (YAM)/JURIED ART TEACHERS' BIENNIAL/
VISUAL ARTS ACHIEVEMENT (VAA)/
CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION (CAC)/EXHIBITIONS**

Monday, January 27	<u>8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I</u> YAM/VAA/CAC Middle/High School and Teacher 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).
Tuesday, January 28	<u>10:00 am-12:00 p.m.: Location – Judy & Oscar Maxwell Hall Room</u> 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)
Wednesday, January 29	<u>8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I</u> YAM Elementary and Teacher 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).
Thursday, January 30	<u>10:00-11:00 am: Location – Judy & Oscar Maxwell Hall Room</u> Jurying of Teachers' Biennial works
Friday, January 31	Notification of VAA/CAC/Juried Art Teachers' Biennial winners to art teachers
Tuesday, February 11 & Wednesday, February 12	<u>8:30 am- 5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I</u> Pick-up for non-selected artwork: Middle/High School YAM/VAA/CAC/Teacher entries (private, city, and county schools) Complete labels, etc.
Sunday, February 23	Youth Art Month (YAM)/Juried Art Teachers' Biennial/ Visual Arts Achievement (VAA)/Congressional Art Competition (CAC)/ Exhibitions Open <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 2:00 pm: awards presentation for VAA/CAC participants – Great Hall
Sunday, February 23	Last day of VAA 2024 and CAC 2024 Honorable Mentions
Thursday, February 27	Last day of YAM/JURIED ART TEACHERS' BIENNIAL/ CAC Winner exhibitions
Late March (notify by email)	<u>8:30 am-5:00 pm: Academy Studio I</u> 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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YAM 2025 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 2025 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 2025.** (*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 29, 2025 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.

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YAM 2025 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.



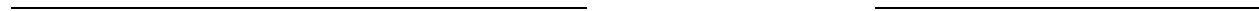
YAM 2025 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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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