



Huntsville Museum of Art

November 6, 2024

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Art Teachers
(Huntsville City, Madison City, Madison County, Athens City, Limestone County,
Decatur City and Scottsboro City District V and Home 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 a 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.

All Homeschool organizations K-12 artwork will undergo a jury process to determine selection for exhibition.

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**

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| 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
HOMESCHOOLS & DISTRICT V
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS
HUNTSVILLE CITY, MADISON CITY, MADISON COUNTY,
DECATUR CITY, ATHENS CITY, LIMESTONE COUNTY, AND
SCOTTSBORO CITY

Each art teacher may submit **1** work for the **jurving process** for the homeschools and District V. All school entries should be kept together and presented in a portfolio or box. **Please attach entry form to the back of the artwork.**

1. **Entries may be two-dimensional (Maximum 20”x 24”)** or three-dimensional to fit on a pedestal.
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, we 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.
5. Artwork **will not contain organic materials** (i.e. food products).

Works will be accepted here at the Museum Academy Studio I located on the pondside at Big Spring Park on **Monday, January 27, 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 Elementary, Middle and High School Homeschool Entry Form
Visual Arts Achievement (VAA) and/or Congressional Art Competition (CAC) Entry Form
District 5**

Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, ***Jackson**, ***Lauderdale**,
***Lawrence**, ***Limestone**, ***Madison**, Marion, Marshall,
***Morgan** (Hartselle), St. Clair, & Winston counties
(***bold/underline** counties in the Alabama Congressional District 5)

Please PRINT or TYPE. COMPLETE ALL LINES.

Circle the following:

**YAM (Grades K-12)
Homeschool**

**VAA (Grades 6-12)
District V for VAA/CAC/Homeschool**

CAC (Grades 9-12)

Student Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Age:** _____

Student Address/City/Zip Code: _____

_____ **Home Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

School Name: _____

School Address/City/Zip Code: _____

School Phone: _____ **School Fax:** _____ **Art Teacher Email:** _____

Art Teacher (Full Name): _____ **Principal (Full Name):** _____

School System Superintendent (Full Name): _____

School System Address/City/Zip Code: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

Medium: _____ **Process:** _____

Please mark one category:

_____ Paintings _____ Drawings _____ Computer Generated Art
_____ Mixed Media _____ Collage _____ Photography _____ Prints

MUST BE signed and dated below.

AUTHENTICITY VERIFICATION & DISCLAIMER

I hereby certify that this is my original work, and that it is not copied from a published photograph, magazine, or book illustration, or other artwork. I understand that the District Coordinator (Huntsville Museum of Art) and Alabama's 5th Congressional District Office are not responsible for loss, damage, or breakage.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Teacher Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

Please keep a copy for your records