



# Huntsville Museum of Art

November 6, 2024

**MEMORANDUM:**

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

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

RE: **YAM 2025: Youth Art Month** exhibition  
**Guidelines Attached**

This year marks the 38<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 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      **8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I**  
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      **10:00 am-12:00 p.m.: Location – Judy & Oscar Maxwell Hall Room**  
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      **8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I**  
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      **10:00-11:00 am: Location – Judy & Oscar Maxwell Hall Room**  
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      **8:30 am- 5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I**  
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**
- **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)      **8:30 am-5:00 pm: 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 Visual Art Exhibitions YAM/VAA/CAC 2025 Guidelines

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**YAM/VAA/CAC 2025**  
February 23– 27, 2025

**VAA 2025**  
February 23, 2025

To: Middle and High School Art Teachers Decatur City, Athens City,  
Limestone County, and Scottsboro City Public Schools

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

Attached you will find both the YAM and VAA guidelines. Each middle (**Grades 6-9**) and high school (**Grades 9-12**) art teacher is allowed to submit up to 10 pieces of artwork for VAA jurying, **one** of which will become your YAM entry from District V **Visual Arts Achievement Program (VAA) (Grades 6-12)** and **Congressional Art Competition (CAC) (Grades 9-12)** (5th Congressional District). The CAC artwork will be juried after the VAA selection process.

Affix a completed entry form to each piece of artwork submitted. **In the upper right-hand corner of the entry form**, we are asking you to rank your ten pieces (**1-10**) with number **1** being the best. All ten pieces will then be judged for VAA. At the completion of the judging, the highest number remaining will be your YAM entry.

**Disclaimer/Liability:** As the art teacher, I hereby certify that this is the student's original work, and that it is not copied from another artist, internet image, magazine or book illustration, or other artwork that was not originally his/hers. 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.

Remember, when you rank the pieces, you are ranking them for YAM. If entering a piece for VAA that is quite large and exceeds YAM guidelines, you would want to rank that piece with a low number such as 10.

**Complete the VAA 2025 ENTRY FORM** and place the **RANKING** in the upper right-hand corner. (Without the ranking, we will not know which work of art to pull for the YAM entry!)\***Questions? YAM/VAA/CAC?** Please call me at 256.535.6372 or e-mail: [lsmith@hsvmuseum.org](mailto:lsmith@hsvmuseum.org).

**YAM/VAA/CAC Entry Deadline: Monday, January 27 2025**

**(You may also submit your entries early by dropping them off at our Admissions Desk in the Museum Lobby.)**

YAM/VAA artwork with attached entry forms must be mailed or hand-delivered to:

Huntsville Museum of Art  
Attn: Laura E. Smith  
300 Church Street South  
Huntsville, AL 35801

Museum Academy Studio I  
Hours: 8:30 am–5:00 pm  
Monday-Friday



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## VAA: VISUAL ARTS ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM/ CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION 2024 GUIDELINES

The Visual Arts Achievement Program provides an opportunity for talented middle and high school students in Alabama to receive recognition for their achievements in visual arts. The program is conducted locally, and pieces of artwork are selected as Blue Ribbon Finalists. An exhibition will be held at the Huntsville Museum of Art. The artwork of the Blue Ribbon Finalists will be sent to the Alabama State Council on the Arts in Montgomery and included for judging in a statewide virtual exhibition.

Listed below are deadlines and information for art teachers in District V for the following Alabama counties: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, St. Clair, and Winston Counties.

1. Categories include painting, drawing, mixed media, three-dimensional, printmaking, photography (at least 30 square inches), and computer images (graphics). Work will be selected based on quality, creativity, and presentation. Entries not meeting these standards will not be accepted. **Authenticity Verification & Disclaimer:** I (defined as student and art teacher) hereby certify that this is my original work, and that it is not copied from another artist, internet image, magazine or book illustration or other artwork that was not originally mine. 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.

Artwork does **NOT** need to be matted. The Huntsville Museum of Art will mat the work of the Blue Ribbon Finalists.

2. **No Xerox-copied or traced works will be accepted.**
3. **District V high school student entries that are located within 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District counties: (Madison, Morgan, Limestone, Colbert, Lauderdale, Lawrence, and Jackson) will automatically be judged in the Congressional Art Competition. The winning entry will be sent to Washington, D.C. to be displayed for one year. The CAC artwork must be two-dimensional, maximum size of 26" x 26" and 4" deep including the outside of the frame. (Artwork does not need to be framed to be considered for the exhibition. The Museum will have the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner artwork framed for the exhibition. The winning entry will be on display at the Museum. Artwork categories are as follows: painting, drawing, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art, and photography.**
4. The statewide virtual exhibition will be held with Alabama State Council on the Arts in April 2025. An virtual award ceremony will be held on April 25, 2025.

Please refer to the **YAM/VAA/CAC 2025 Schedule** provided to ensure that you meet deadlines and artwork pick-up times and dates. Questions? Call Laura E. Smith, District V Coordinator, at the Huntsville Museum of Art at 256.535.6372 or email: [lsmith@hsvmuseum.org](mailto:lsmith@hsvmuseum.org).



**Huntsville Museum of Art**  
**YAM 2025 Guidelines**  
**FOR**  
**PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS**  
**(DECATUR CITY, ATHENS CITY, LIMESTONE COUNTY, AND SCOTTSBORO CITY)**

Remember that this year each art teacher will be selecting the artwork that will be hung in the **YAM 2025** exhibition. **There will be no further selection process.** Middle school art teachers will select **1 work** of art from their school. **Each** high school art teacher will select **1 work** of art from their classes they teach at their school. (For example, if a high school has 4 art teachers, each art teacher may select and submit 1 work of art.) See **YAM/VAA guidelines for procedure in completing entry form. Please attach inventory sheet to the outside of the portfolio or box. AUTHENTICITY VERIFICATION & DISCLAIMER MUST BE COMPLETED on the entry form for each piece of artwork being submitted for consideration. (Middle and High School entries only.)**

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.
4. Artwork **will not contain organic materials** (i.e. food products).
5. **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 Middle and High Schools (public, city, county, and private 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 **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](mailto:lsmith@hsvmuseum.org).**

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## Student Entry Form

Must be completed by 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade visual arts students

**DO NOT Print out document and complete by hand. Must be typed.**

**Only one entry per student**

| JUDGING CATEGORIES  |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
|---|---|---|---|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| District (check one)  |   |   |   |               | Classification (check one)     |                       |
| 1   | 2 | 3 | 4a  | 4b            | 5 <b>District 5</b>            | Mixed Media           |
| Grade (check one)   |   |   |   |               | <b>Please mark District 5.</b> | Craft                 |
| Group I - Grade   |   | 6 | 7   | 8             |                                | Drawing               |
| Group II - Grade  |   | 9 | 10  | 11            | 12                             | Painting              |
|   |   |   |   |               |                                | Sculpture             |
|   |   |   |   |               |                                | Photography/New Media |
|   |   |   |   |               |                                | Printmaking           |
| ART WORK  |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| Entry Title:  |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| Media or medium:  |   |   | Description or Artist Statement: (please attach if more space is needed.) |               |                                |                       |
| APPLICANT INFORMATION   |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| Student Name:   |   |   |   |               | Age:                           |                       |
| Street Address:   |   |   |   | Phone(H):     |                                |                       |
| City:   |   |   |   | Zip Code:     |                                |                       |
| Email:  |   |   |   | Phone(M):     |                                |                       |
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| School Name:  |   |   |   | School Phone: |                                |                       |
| Street Address:   |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| City:   |   |   |   | Zip Code:     |                                |                       |
| School System:  |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| Art Instructor:   |   |   |   | Email:        |                                |                       |
| CERTIFICATION (Original signatures required; print completed forms, sign and submit)  |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| I hereby certify that the art work I am entering is my original work and is not copied or adapted from any other source. I give the Alabama State Council on the Arts permission to publish my work for publicity and archival purposes, in print or on-line. I will be credited for my work in any publications. |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| Student Signature:  |   |   |   | Date:         |                                |                       |
| I hereby certify that I have monitored student process of this work and verify that the work was created by the student and not adapted or copied from any other source.  |   |   |   |               |                                |                       |
| Teacher Signature:  |   |   |   | Date:         |                                |                       |

Please affix entry form to Artwork. Circle arrow to indicate top of work.





# Teacher Inventory For District Exhibition Entries

Only one entry per student



### INSTRUCTIONS

Attach one entry form for each student listed. A copy of the entry form must also be attached to the artwork. Please type all information below. Contact District Coordinator for maximum # entries eligible per teacher/school.

### DISTRICT INFORMATION

|                 |                |             |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|
| Teacher Name:   |                | District #: |
| Teacher Email:  | Teacher Phone: |             |
| School Name:    | School System: |             |
| Street Address: | County:        |             |
| City:           | Zip:           | # Entries:  |

### STUDENT ENTRIES (Please refer to guidelines to determine Group and Classification)

| Student | Group-Grade | Entry Title | Classification |
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### Teacher Notes

Please require students to complete their own entry forms. Once entry forms are completed, print out 3 copies and sign as required: One copy attached to this form, one attached to student work, and one for student records. Teachers are required to monitor student process of work submitted to ensure originality. Because creativity is evaluated in this competition, please do not submit work from assignments unless student has had the freedom to select independently the concept, content and technique employed.