

Student Art

Co- Chairman – Kathryn Baldwin and Jay Garner

Entry Fees: Students 18 and under \$2

ONLY portfolio or scholarship entry forms and fees are due September 26 at 4 pm in the Fair Office.

Arrival Time: Saturday October 4, 2025

8 am - 11 am Pre-K - High School Art I - Art IV

8 am - 12 noon Portfolios & Sculpture

Judging: Sunday October 5, 2025

Awards: Sunday, October 12, 2025, 4 pm in the Hall of Exhibits

Release Time: Sunday, October 19, 2025, 8 am - 11 am

**PLEASE NOTE: ANY ARTWORK THAT HAS NOT BEEN COLLECTED
BY THURSDAY, October 23, 2025, WILL BE DISPOSED.**

Art Auction:

Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, Outstanding and Judge's Choice awards may be eligible to participate in the Art Auction.

Auction release forms must be submitted must be notarized, signed and submitted by September 26, 2025, at 4:00 pm in the Fair office for the art to eligible for the auction, if selected.

Alternatively, if the form cannot be notarized upon submission of entry form, a notary may be provided at the time of art check in. Please check the BCFA website (www.bcfa.org) for confirmation on/after September 12. In this case, the student and parent/legal guardian must both be present for notary.

General Rules for All Participants:

1. All participants must comply with the Brazoria County Fair Association General Rules and regulations printed in this catalog, unless otherwise specified.
2. Only one entry per person.
3. All Brazoria County students, Early Childhood Campus (ECC) – 12th grades are eligible.
4. All work must be from January 1, 2025, through the current school year. Judges will award auction lots from current 2025 artworks only.
5. Any work that violates any of the rules will not be eligible for awards.
6. Due to family audience, no exhibit dealing with the following subjects will be accepted:
 - a. DRUG USE

b. VIOLENCE or GANG ACTIVITY

c. NUDITY

d. SATANIC or CULT

7. Exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor. Original photo must be attached to back of artwork, if needed (grades 6th - 12th). Copies of any published artwork or mimeographed works (this includes Pre-K and Kindergarten) are not acceptable.
8. Materials and medium that may be used, pastels, acrylic paint, ink, chalk, watercolor, markers, charcoal, oil paint, pen, air brush, pencil, crayon, dye, conte, mixed media, sculpture (wired, fired ceramics, papier mache). No Candy or Food items may be used in artwork.
9. Artwork may be entered by the school or on an individual basis. No group projects allowed.
10. Individual entries must have grade eligibility form verified by school or parent/guardian for home schooled students and turned in with the entry forms. Art entered by the school can provide one grade eligibility form per campus. These forms are available on the BCFA website www.bcfa.org. There are two separate entry forms, one for school entries and one for individual entries and home-schooled students. These must have all information filled out.
11. The official entry labels and inventory forms will contain all pertinent student and school information. These forms are available through the BCFA office or downloaded from www.bcfa.org. Completed entry labels must be affixed to the **lower right front** of the mat or mount (place on bottom of 3-D pieces). All artwork must be listed on the inventory form at time of check-in.
12. During judging, no one other than the judges and committee members will be allowed in the Hall of Exhibits building. Absolutely no teachers, parents or students are allowed in the Hall of Exhibits while the judging is being conducted. Judges are not to be influenced in any way. After judging, the building will be locked and no one except committee members will be allowed in until the start of the fair. All winners and their teachers will be notified by the Student Art Chairperson.
13. Other than the artwork sold in the auction, Artwork may not be removed until checkout on Sunday, October 22nd after the fair is over or awards will be revoked. **It is the responsibility of the school, teacher, parent or student to remove their artwork. Any artwork left after October 23, 2025, will be discarded.** Standard screwdrivers and pliers or staple pullers are needed to remove the artwork.
14. For schools paying with purchase orders, please allow enough time to obtain from your district personnel in order to turn in payment at time of check in.

Quotas:

1. ECC – Grade 8: 10 artworks per each grade level per school
2. Senior High School (Art I-IV): Unlimited, but advanced entry is required
3. Portfolios (12th grade only): 5 – 10 pieces of artwork per entrant.
4. Self-contained Life Skills artwork will not count against grade level maximums as long as they are specified.*

Rules for Pre-K thru Grade 8:

1. Acceptable dimension (Maximum)*
 - a. Pre-k through 4th – Artwork including up to 3” mat - 11" x 14"
 - b. Grade 5 - 8 - Artwork including up to 3” mat - 16" x 20"
2. Early entry is not required. Paperwork will be due at check in time on October 5, 2024.
3. Life Skills students grades Pre-K through 4th grade artwork should be marked with a paperclip. Designate this only on the inventory list turned in, not the entry tag attached to the artwork itself.*
4. SPED students Grade 5 and up will be judged with others in their grade.
5. The Art Committee will be hanging the artwork for grades Pre-K - 8th. Late work and early arrivals will not be accepted.

Rules for High School Art I- IV:

1. High School artwork submitted for the BCFA cannot have been shown in any other show/contest.
2. Only portfolio or scholarship entry forms and fees are due September 26 at 4 pm in the Fair Office.*
3. Acceptable dimension (Maximum): Artwork including mat - 18" x 24"
 - a. All artwork must be mounted on construction paper, poster board or foam board unless painted on stretched canvas or canvas boards. Artwork that is on foam board, stretched canvas or canvas boards, and any artwork that you do not want staples in must have hanging tabs at the top.
 - b. No string, sawtooth hangers or frames allowed.
 - c. To facilitate with Art Auction framing, please use materials which allow the art to be removed from the mounting without damaging the artwork.
4. All paintings must be finished and dry at the time of check in.
5. If artwork becomes dismounted while on display it will be taken to the Fair office and can be picked up at regular business hours.
6. No artwork is to be professionally matted or shrink wrapped.
7. Charcoal, pastels, and lead pencil drawings must be sprayed, and fixed.
8. Each Art I-IV piece is to be signed and dated (month and year) in ink on the bottom right side and visible above the mat.
9. Supplies that are needed to hang Art I-IV and Portfolios will Not be supplied by Fair, such as staple guns and staples. Desktop staplers do not work on the plywood display boards. Please place one staple in all corners. Please remember you are sharing the space, and it is limited so start at the beginning of your art section and move down. Please leave 2" between art pieces.
10. If any additional accommodations are needed for 3-D works please notify chairperson in writing by September 26, 2025, at 4 pm.

Portfolio:

1. Must adhere to the General Rules and Rules for High School Art I-IV.

2. Portfolios are a collection of works that display a student's talent.
3. 5 - 10 pieces of artwork are allowed for displaying within a portfolio but must fit on one standard 8' x 4' plywood display board.
4. Students' name should be displayed on the board for identification.
5. Students are responsible for setting up and taking down their portfolios.
6. Portfolio space will be designated upon a first come first serve basis.
7. One piece from the collection of the current year (2024) that has not been entered in any other shows can be selected to be judged alone. This piece must have an entry label attached to the bottom right corner, so that the judges know this is to be judged as an individual piece.
8. Only portfolio inventory lists turned in at the time of entry will be allowed any changes due to number of artworks allowed in the category.
9. Frames will be allowed on artwork that is not going to be judged.
10. If other types of displaying articles are needed, please specify in writing on the entry form.

Scholarships:

1. Up to three scholarships will be awarded to High School Senior applicants.*
2. Entry forms are available in the fair office or downloaded at www.bcfa.org.
3. Scholarship entries will be due on September 26, 2025, by 4pm in the fair office.
4. Entries must include:*
 1. Portfolio entry form
 2. Specific scholarship application form
 3. A teacher recommendation
 4. A personal essay/narrative
5. Judging considers the Scholarship entry form, essay, teacher recommendation and student's artworks on display when the scholarship is being awarded.

Awards

Awards will be given as follows:

Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show and Outstanding – Grade EE- Grade 8, Art I-IV, and Portfolio will each be awarded a minimum of one of each category.

Judge's Choice Awards will be awarded based upon each Judge's selection.

EE- Grade 1: All entries receive 1st place ribbon in addition to above.

Grade 2- Grade 5: Select entries will receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon in addition to above.*

Grade 6 – Grade 8: Select entries will receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbon in addition to above.*

Art I-IV and Portfolio: Only Best of Show, Reserve Best of Show, Outstanding and Judge's Choice awarded.

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