



**2026 National Cherry Festival  
Fine Art Competition – 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
Application & Rules**

**(PRINT LEGIBLY)** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Work (25 words or less):** \_\_\_\_\_

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In submitting my artwork for the National Cherry Festival General Fine Art Competition – 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration, I release the National Cherry Festival from any and all responsibility on the event of loss or damage to my artwork.

I hereby certify that this is my original artwork and that it is not copied from a published photograph, magazine, book illustration, website, or by another person.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**TAPE THIS FORM TO THE BACK OF YOUR ARTWORK IN THE DIRECTION IT IS TO BE VIEWED**

Please make a copy for your records

**Fine Art Competition Timeline (2026 Fine Art Submission):**

**Friday, May 22, 2026 – Deadline for submitting artwork  
June 2026 – Unveiling of winning artwork**



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## Guidelines:

*The subject for all entries must reflect, interpret or depict some aspect of the National Cherry Festival, Cherries, or the Cherry Industry. It's also important to bring attention to "Through the Years" – celebrating the National Cherry Festival since the beginning.*

All work must be submitted with a completed application form and must be the original work of the applicant.

## General Art Guidelines

Applicants are encouraged to produce traditional, contemporary, impressionist, and/or abstract works of fine art. Two-dimensional work will be considered in all media including, but not limited to oil, acrylic, tempera, watercolor, pen, ink, pastel, pencil, etc. Winning entries may be utilized in Festival print concepts, posters, t-shirts, mugs, or other souvenir type items.

- All fine art must be submitted on 16" x 20" paper or canvas. The finished print will be 13 ½" x 19 ½" with a 3/4" untouched border. The image area to work within is 12" x 18" (portrait or landscape).
- All work done in chalk and/or pastels should be covered with tissue paper or other lightweight paper.
- DO NOT MAT, FRAME OR SIGN. Artwork should be original and not infringe on any copyrighted materials.
- Artists must be 18 years of age or older to enter and accept cash prizes. If artist is under 18 years, please see the Festival's General Art Competition - Students application and rules.

## Judging and Awards:

- Submitted artwork will be judged by a panel of art professionals, business leaders from the Grand Traverse region and members of the National Cherry Festival.
- All winning artwork, including honorable mentions, will become property of the National Cherry Festival and the winning artisans must relinquish original and all reproduction and use rights to the National Cherry Festival, unless released by the National Cherry Festival.
- Selection will be based on appeal, content, creativity and reproducibility as a graphic image. Entries must be appropriate and versatile for numerous promotional materials.
- All decisions by the judges are final
- All artists will be notified when and where the winning art will be unveiled
- Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Cash prizes will be awarded to adults (18+ or older). Students will not receive cash. Instead, they would receive the designation amount in the form of a scholarship
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$700; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$500



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## **Entry, Delivery and Pick Up:**

- All entries must be received by 5:00 pm on May 22, 2026 to Bulls-i, Inc., located at 841 S Garfield Ave., Traverse City, Michigan 49686
- Entries may also be shipped to: Bulls-i, Inc., Fine Art Competition, 841 S Garfield Ave., Traverse City, Michigan 49686.
- Artwork not placing will be available for pick up at Bulls-i. Artisans will be contacted. Items requiring return shipping must be packed in a reusable shipping container and include return postage. If no return postage is included, we will ship back as COD. Please contact Sandy Wagner at 231-933-8815 if you have any questions.

## **Additional Information:**

- By entering the Festival Fine Art Competition, the artist certifies that their artwork is original and does not infringe upon any third-party rights.
- The National Cherry Festival selection committee reserves the right to reject any art that is not in good character of the Festival
- The National Cherry Festival reserves the right to photograph, scan, or edit any entry or portion of any entry for publicity purposes. Credit will be given to the artist.