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Midwestern State University and The Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts 33rd Annual High School Art Competition

Entries due **February 17, 2023**
Online beginning **March 4, 2023**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our exhibition will be online at The Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts. The exhibition will be hosted on the Midwestern State University Texas School of Art's website. The reception will be held on **Saturday, March 4th** at 12:00 PM via Zoom. Cash awards totaling \$1,400 will be announced along with any scholarships that may be given out at that time. The awards ceremony will be followed by virtual studio tours and conclude with a short seminar on financial aid and how to navigate the admission process here at MSU Texas.

ELIGIBILITY

The Annual MSU High School Art Competition is open to all students currently enrolled in high school. Students do not need to be currently enrolled in an art class and can be homeschooled. Work submitted to previous MSU High School Art Competitions is not eligible. All work must be original and executed without the use of commercial kits or guides and be of the highest quality workmanship.

No entry fee is required, and all work will be considered not for sale (NFS). We will do the best we can to make sure all work is exhibited, but please note, if an image is not up to the expected standards it will not be shown.

You may submit a maximum of thirty of any combination of 2-D and/or 3-D works per teacher for each high school.

ENTRY INFORMATION

To enter, please go to the MSU [High School Art Competition webpage](#) and complete the [Student Artwork Inventory List](#). Upload the Student Artwork Inventory List into your OneDrive folder by **February 17th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Gerber Pease at elisha.pease@msutexas.edu.

Upload a single folder that includes all of your student images to our OneDrive folder (teachers can contact [Gerber Pease](#) for the One Drive link) before the deadline on **February 17th at 5:00 PM.**

Please use the following name format for your folder upload...
schoolname_teachername or outstandinghighschool_stevehilton

IMAGES

Images must be labeled with the following format:
media_schoolname_studentfirstnamelastname_1.jpg

If the same student has a second piece:
media_schoolname_studentfirstnamelastname_2.jpg

The number will change for additional works by the same student.

The images should have a resolution of 1200 pixels in the smallest direction. Images taken with smart phones are acceptable if good quality. The file name should be added to [Student Artwork Inventory List](#) along with title, medium, size, category, student's full name, etc.

The file type must be .jpeg or .jpg. No other file types will work with MSU's web system.

Examples would be:

sculpture_outstandinghs_stevehilton_1.jpeg
painting_outstandinghs_stevehilton_2.jpeg
drawing_outstandinghs_stevehilton_3.jpeg
photography_outstandinghs_stevehilton_4.jpeg
printmaking_outstandinghs_stevehilton_5.jpeg
computergraphics_outstandinghs_stevehilton_6.jpeg
mixedmedia_outstandinghs_stevehilton_7.jpeg
ceramics_outstandinghs_stevehilton_8.jpeg

Please fill out the [Student Artwork Inventory List](#) as you upload each entry onto OneDrive. Again, please keep all of your student works in one folder.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE ARTWORK

Most of you already know how to take images of art work, but if you need a refresher, there are quite a few tutorials on how to properly take photographs of 2D and 3D art work online.

Here are a few examples:

- [documenting 2D art work](#) (phone)
- [documenting 2D art work](#) (camera)
- [documenting 3D art work](#) (phone)
- [documenting 3D art work](#) (camera)

Please crop the images making sure the entire work is presented without showing any background. For the background of 3D images, use white, dark grey or a contrasting background (please see instructions above). Try to make sure the piece is well lit, with minimal glare and skewing. Most often using natural light is easier than using lights.

Please do not over-edit.

If you need help with editing photographs, here is a free and easy app to use online: [adobeSpark](#).

PARENTAL PERMISSION TO EXHIBIT ON MSU TEXAS' WEBSITE

For your student to be eligible for participation, their parents must fill out the online permission slip to have their artwork and name on the MSU Texas website. Please note this will need to be printed and signed by the Parent. Please send this [permission slip](#) to all interested students. Permission slips must be filled out, returned, and uploaded to your OneDrive folder by **February 24th** or student artwork will not be displayed on the website.

CATEGORIES ELIGIBLE FOR EXHIBITION

Ceramics, Computer Graphics, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture

JURYING

The jury will be comprised of members of The Juanita and Ralph Harvey School of Visual Arts faculty.

The jury selection will be from the digital images submitted. The jury selection for the competition and awards are final.

AWARDS

Cash awards totaling \$1,400 for the winners of the eight categories, will be presented on **Saturday, March 4th**. All Students who win cash awards must provide a completed W-9 by **Friday, March 10th** or they forfeit their cash award. A blank W-9 can be found on the [IRS webpage](#). Our business office cannot write checks to anyone without a W-9 on file.

You can scan and email it to Gerber Pease at elisha.pease@msutexas.edu .

SCHOLARSHIPS

For the **2023-2024** school year, scholarships totaling up to \$5,000 will be awarded to incoming high school seniors planning to major in Art at MSU. High school seniors entering the High School Art Competition who wish to be considered for an art scholarship at Midwestern State University must submit a scholarship application by email (see the [art scholarship webpage](#)) and an electronic portfolio of their work, which must include at least one drawing.

Please send this electronic portfolio and application to [Suguru Hiraide](#), our Sculpture Professor by **Friday, February 17th**. This is in addition to the work entered in the competition. Please fill out all information requested on the application forms.

All high school seniors applying for an art scholarship must arrange (via email) a short Zoom/phone interview with [Suguru Hiraide](#) during **February 23rd and 24th**.

Students must apply to MSU Texas along with submitting their scholarship application. Please apply to MSU as soon as possible to be considered for an art scholarship. The sooner you apply, the better chance you have of scholarships and financial aid.

Also, please take a look at other MSU scholarship opportunities [here](#).

Entry into this competition indicates your compliance with and acceptance of all entry rules.

Important dates to remember...

| DATE | TIME | FUNCTION |
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| February 17 th | 5:00 PM | Image Portfolio Due to Professor Suguru Hiraide. (see MSU Fine Art Scholarship for instructions) |
| February 17 th | 5:00 PM | Entries Due in OneDrive. Email Geber Pease at elisha.pease@msutexas.edu for the link |
| February 23 rd & 24 th | 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM By Appointment | Scholarship Application – Interview (email Suguru Hiraide for an appointment) |
| February 24 th | 5:00 PM | Parental permission slip must be filled out. |
| February 24 th | TBA | Faculty review artwork and decide on winners |
| March 2 nd | TBA | Faculty review scholarships |
| March 4 th | 8:00 AM | Exhibition goes live online |
| March 4 th | 12:00 PM | Zoom Reception and Awards Presentation (teachers can contact Gerber Pease for the invitation) |
| March 4 th | 12:00 PM | Zoom Reception and Awards Presentation followed by a virtual tour of the studios and seminar on financial aid and navigation of the admission process at MSU Texas |
| March 10 th | 5:00 PM | W-9 forms for winners due |