



TSTA 2026 Young Artist Contest

Theme: Education Across the Ages - The Past, Present, & Future

The TSTA Art Contest is open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade attending Texas Public Schools. The contest will have two categories: grades K-5 and 6-12. Its purpose is to showcase student talent, recognize students, parents, and teachers and to display prize-winning creations at the TSTA HQ. Winners will be selected by the delegates of the 2026 TSTA House of Delegates. **All art submissions should be in a digital format.**

Requirements and Expectations

1. One entry per artist.
2. Any student attending a Texas public school is eligible to enter.
3. Due to this year's digital-only submission format, there is no maximum size for submissions. However, please note that all submissions will be printed on 8.5"x11" glossy paper for display at the TSTA HoD.
4. Any medium may be used, including traditional and computer-generated work, in black and white or color.
5. Please save your artwork in a digital format – preferably a JPG, TIF, or PDF. For traditional artwork, a scan or photograph is sufficient.
6. All entries must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted.
7. The artist retains all copyrights to their artwork, without exception.
8. It is acceptable to enter art that has been entered to previous competitions, even if it won.
9. By entering this competition, you are granting TSTA a non-exclusive perpetual license to create and retain a digital record of your artwork, which TSTA will use to reproduce images of your artwork on our website and social media, and in our printed materials such as the Advocate, our all-member publication, and a catalogue of the years' submissions. Your artwork will not be used for any purpose other than to showcase your talent.
10. TSTA is a progressive union that values equity and racial and social justice, and a quality public school for every child. All entries shall be aligned in this vision. TSTA reserves the right to disqualify any submission to the contest based on alignment with the union's values and mission statement. If an entry is disqualified, no license to use will be granted to TSTA, and disqualified entries will not be displayed at TSTA HQ.
11. Prints of the winning artwork will be displayed at the TSTA HQ for one year.
12. All prizes for the winning artists will be mailed to the students after the winners are announced. If the artist will be attending a new school in the next school year *or* they would like these items mailed directly to their home, please let us know and include their home address in place of the school address so we can ensure that all applicable materials are sent directly to them. If the artist cannot be reached at the home address provided, we will attempt to contact the student for an alternative home address. If we are unable to acquire one, we will send the materials to the student's provided school address. TSTA assumes no responsibility for any damage that may occur in shipping.

Grade K-5 Winners will receive:

- \$100 gift card for 1st place
- \$50 gift card for 2nd place
- \$25 gift card for 3rd place
- \$25 gift card for 4th place
- \$25 gift card for 5th place

- A certificate from TSTA.
- Digital versions of the winning artwork will be displayed at the TSTA HQ office for one year.
- Artwork will be published in TSTA publications/website.

Grade 6-12 Winners will receive:

- \$100 gift card for 1st place
- \$50 gift card for 2nd place
- \$25 gift card for 3rd place
- \$25 gift card for 4th place
- \$25 gift card for 5th place

Entries must be submitted to TSTA no later than **March 19, 2026. Please submit this completed form and a digital version of your artwork to Crystal Carpenter at crystalc@tsta.org. Or you can fill out our Wufoo form and submit your artwork that way: <https://tsta.wufoo.com/forms/tsta-young-artist-contest/>. Confirmation of receipt will be issued to the email provided. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Carpenter at crystalc@tsta.org or 512-476-5355 extension 1338.**

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Student Name _____

Local / District _____

Student Phone Number _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Medium _____

Student Address _____

School _____

School Address _____

School Telephone _____

Name of Art/Classroom Teacher _____

Teacher Email Address _____

Contact Number for Teacher _____

Teachers/Parents/Guardians: To prevent clerical errors due to interpretation of handwriting, upon receipt of this form, a representative from the Center for Executive and Governance will contact you to confirm the information submitted on this sheet.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY AND COMPLETE ENTIRE ENTRY FORM – THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Optional: Please include a brief tagline with your take on the theme. We will display your tagline along with your artwork. Thank you!

Example: "I Reach for the Stars when I (fill in the blank)" or "At my public school, we Reach for the Stars when we (fill in the blank)."
