

# CEDARHURST

## High School Art Competition

and the  
Cedarhurst Administrative Counselors  
Art Scholarship

### Eligibility:

The **Cedarhurst High School Art Competition** is a juried competition open to high school students, grades 9-12th.

The **Cedarhurst Administrative Counselors Art Scholarship** is a juried competition open to graduating seniors for the opportunity to compete for a 1-year college scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. Seniors may compete in both competitions. High schools in the following counties are eligible to enter: Alexander, Clay, Clinton, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

### Submission Guidelines:

- For the jury process, we accept high-quality, digital images of works of art or craft in painting (oil, acrylic, watercolor), drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography (digital or film), pastels, textiles, ceramics, glass, metal, and wood. No installations.
- All works of art must be original, do not use copyrighted images. \*We reserve the right to disqualify artwork that violates copyright laws.
- Upon being accepted, 2-D work must be mounted on foamcore or heavy cardboard for reinforcement and protection in handling. Window matting is required. (Works on stretched canvas or canvas board do not require matting and must have wire to hang)



### How To Enter

Teachers must register online at **cedarhurst.org/call-for-entries** for your school to compete in this year's high school art competitions.



A shared **Google Folder** and **Google Sheet** will be emailed to you to upload student entry images and document the submitted work information.

**Submission Deadline is  
5:00 pm, December 3, 2025**

Home school students and high school students that would like to **enter without a registered teacher:** please contact Tracy Schilling, [tracy@cedarhurst.org](mailto:tracy@cedarhurst.org)

### Submission Format:

Art competition submissions must be digital and uploaded to the shared Google folder no later than 5 pm, December 3, 2025.

Digital images must be JPEG files. Each image file needs to be identified as follows: studentlastname,firstname entry # (Example: smith,john1). This will match the Google sheet that documents the artwork information.

Senior portfolio files to be juried for the Art Scholarship must be identified as follows: studentlastname,firstname "P" entry # (Example: smith,johnP1; smith,johnP2; smith,johnP3, etc.) to differentiate the 6 portfolio entries from the art competition.

Please use only 1 photo per entry; if you would like to show the front and back of a sculpture piece, consider using a collage photo layout image.



**Entry Quantity:** Each teacher may enter up to 25 artworks only, (limit 3 entries per student) for the Cedarhurst High School Art Competition and 1 portfolio (consisting of 6 artworks) per graduating senior for the Cedarhurst Administrative Counselors Art Scholarship Competition. Seniors may enter both the art competition and the scholarship competition.

**Entry Fee:** The High School Art Competition entry fee is \$3 per artwork. Each portfolio has a \$10 entry fee. Once the submission window closes, we will invoice the teacher for the entries submitted.

**Authorization Publicity Disclosure** Parent/guardian and students **MUST** sign a release form to participate in the exhibition if their work is chosen for display. Release Forms must be dropped off with the artwork or sent via email by the deadline.

**Acceptance Notification:** A list of accepted works for the exhibition will be emailed to registered teachers by the end of the day on January 2, 2026. Works accepted for the exhibition must be delivered to the Mitchell Museum no later than Friday, January 16, 2026. Awards for the Cedarhurst High School Art Competition and the Art Scholarship recipient will be chosen once the works have been delivered and announced at the opening reception.

\*The Art Scholarship award is contingent upon the student's formal acceptance to a university.

### Exhibition Schedule:

**January 25 - March 8, 2026.** Artwork cannot be removed before the exhibit closes.

**Post Exhibit Pick-Up:** Artwork must be picked up between March 10 - March 20, 2026, Tues-Sat. 10am - 4pm, Sun. 1 to 4



**Awards & Opening Reception:  
Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**Reception: 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Award Presentation: 6:00 pm  
Mitchell Museum Performance Hall**

**2026 High School  
Art Competition Awards**

- Cedarhurst Administrative Counselors  
Art Scholarship - **\$2,000**
- Best of Show - **\$200**

Best of  
Two-Dimensional Art

- First Place - **\$100**
- Second Place - **\$75**
- Third Place - **\$50**
- Twenty Honorable Mention awards - **\$25 each**

Best of  
Three-Dimensional Art

- First Place - **\$100**
- Second Place - **\$75**
- Third Place - **\$50**



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HOURS:  
Tues.-Sat. 10 am to 5 pm  
Sun. 1 to 5 pm

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Registration closes: December 3, 2025
- Acceptance Notification: January 2, 2026
- Accepted Works Drop-off Deadline: January 16, 2026
- Opening Reception and Awards Announcement:  
Saturday, January 24, 2026
- Exhibition Dates: January 25 - March 8, 2026
- Post Exhibit Art Pick Up: March 10 - 20, 2026



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Accepted entries vie for **26 Cash Awards**  
Senior portfolio accepted entries considered for the  
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