



## 2026 Youth Art Competition Rules & Regulations

Celebrate the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival on **February 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026** as we invite Palm Beach County schools to participate and submit their students' artwork to the ArtiGras Youth Art Competition! **We've made some changes to the rules, so please be sure to thoroughly read all the way through the Rules & Regulations.**

### Theme: Under the Sea

The theme of this year's ArtiGras Youth Art Competition is **Under the Sea**. This theme invites young artists to dive into the wonders of ocean life, exploring the vibrant and mysterious world beneath the surface. Students can use their imagination to bring the underwater realm to life in colorful, creative ways. Here are a few examples of what this theme could encompass:

- Marine Animals & Sea Creatures
- Coral Reefs & Ocean Plants
- Shipwrecks & Sunken Treasures
- Ocean Conservation & Pollution Awareness
- Mermaids, Mythical Sea Beings, or Submarine Adventures
- Tidepools, Beaches, or Coastal Scenes

In your students' own way, have them create artwork that captures their version of the ocean world. We encourage students to experiment with new methods & materials. **We ask for ALL of the artwork to incorporate the theme in some way!**

The ArtiGras Youth Art Competition is a juried art competition, for grade levels K-12 that features award money to the winning students and schools. Each school in Palm Beach County may submit **ONE PIECE** of artwork **FROM EACH GRADE LEVEL** into the competition. All artwork is due on **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**. Details regarding the drop-off and pick-up areas are below.

All artwork submitted to the Youth Art Competition will be judged, and judges will choose five (5) winners from each grade, including: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners and two (2) honorable mentions. There will also be a "Best of Show" category, in which we will have one Elementary, one Middle and one High School student winner. Each student aged 12 or under submits artwork will receive two (2) tickets to the festival, as well as art teachers submitting artwork. Each student aged 13 or older will receive three (3) tickets to the festival. Kids 12 and under are free to attend the festival.



### **OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES & POLICIES:**

**DEADLINE:** Artwork must be dropped off at one of the designated drop-off locations by **Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** This deadline will enable us to publish participating schools in the media.

**ARTWORK FORMATS:** All artwork **must** fit within the following formats:

- Any **2-D** medium (watercolor, oil, ink, clay pencil, photography, etc.) may be used
- Artwork sizes are **minimum 8 ½" x 11" and maximum 12"x 18"** not including the matting (if any)
- The completed release form **must** be **attached/pasted to the back** of each entry
- **Do not laminate or frame artwork**
- All artworks must be **matted AND wrapped for outdoor protection** to ensure the students artwork is preserved throughout the festival and set up.

### **AWARDS:**

Five (5) awards will be given in each grade level: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, and two (2) Honorable Mentions. All honorable mentions and award winners will receive an ArtiGras Awards Ribbon. The "Best of Show" winner will also receive a \$100 check in their name. At this time, we are only able to award checks to students who win "Best of Show" or first 1<sup>st</sup> place. In addition, each of these winners will be on display at the Youth Art Competition area both days on February 14 & 15, 2026.

Schools with winning students will also receive prize money to further their art programs. **Prize money for the schools is awarded as follows:**

- Best in Show students and their schools receive \$100 each
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place winning students and their schools receive \$90 each
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners' school receives \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners' school receives \$50

Please note that the winners must come to the Chamber to sign out their checks once the festival is over. Winners will be notified when their checks are ready for pick up.

### **ARTWORK DROP-OFF & LOCATIONS:**

Artwork **MUST** be dropped off at one of the two following locations by **Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 5:00pm:**

- **PALM BEACH NORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



5520 PGA Boulevard, Suite 200  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418  
(561) 746-7111

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Directions: Take I-95 to the PGA Boulevard west exit. Head West 1.0 miles, pass PGA Commons, and turn left at the light onto Ave of the PGA. Make a left into the plaza, and head east to the opposite side of the plaza. The Chamber office will be on your left-hand side above La Masseria restaurant.*



- **RESOURCE DEPOT**

2508 Florida Avenue  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
(561) 882-0090

Tuesday - Thursday: 11:00 AM. – 4:45 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 1:45 PM

*Directions: Traveling from I-95, exit at Belvedere, and head east 7/10 of a mile to Florida Avenue, we are one block west of Dixie Hwy. Turn left on Florida Ave. across from the Publix in Belmart Plaza. We are located on the north side of the large gray building. Our entrance is off of Florida Ave.*



### **ARTWORK PICK UP:**

All artwork will be available for pick up after the awards ceremony in the ArtiKids Zone on **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Artwork must be checked out by the student or parent or guardian of the student. We cannot let artwork go with parents or guardians of other students unless previously approved. If your student's parent/guardian would like someone else to pick up the artwork, they can contact Cressa Bronson at [Cressa@pbncchamber.com](mailto:Cressa@pbncchamber.com) by **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**.

Artwork that is not picked up at the festival can be picked up at the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce office **between Monday, February 16th and Thursday, March 5, 2026**. Pickup times are **Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **Any artwork not picked up by Friday, March 7th, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. will be donated to local organizations at the discretion of the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- **Artwork submitted by home schools will not be accepted.** The mission of the Youth Art Competition is to support school art programs in local Palm Beach County Schools.

For questions, contact Cressa Bronson at [Cressa@pbncchamber.com](mailto:Cressa@pbncchamber.com), 561-748-3945



- All entries **and artist's details** (full name, school, city, and state) may be used in publicity campaigns for this promotion and future promotions.
- The decision of the Youth Art Jury is final.

Thank you for your participation in our ArtiGras Youth Art Competition! Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions.