



2027 Youth Art Competition Rules & Regulations

Celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival on **February 6th & 7th, 2027**, 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 read the Rules & Regulations thoroughly.

Theme: Nature Reimagined

The theme of this year's ArtiGras Youth Art Competition is **Nature Reimagined**. This theme encourages young artists to explore the natural world through creativity and imagination. Rather than depicting nature as it exists, students are invited to transform it into something extraordinary, creating original worlds where reality and fantasy blend. Artists can dream up magical landscapes, inventive ecosystems, and imaginative interpretations of plants, animals, and natural environments.

Here are a few examples of what this theme could encompass:

- Fantasy Forests & Enchanted Landscapes
- Magical Wildlife & Mythical Creatures
- Giant Flowers, Plants, and Trees
- Floating Islands & Sky-Bound Habitats
- Dreamlike Oceans, Rivers, and Waterways
- Reimagined Ecosystems & Future Natural Worlds
- Nature Inspired by Fantasy, Folklore, or Imagination
- Colorful, Surreal, or Whimsical Interpretations of the Environment

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

The ArtiGras Youth Art Competition is a juried art competition for grades K-12 that awards money to 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 15, 2026**. 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: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners and two (2) honorable mentions. We will also have a "Best of Show" category, with one Elementary, one Middle, and one High School student winner. Each student aged 12 or under who submits artwork will receive two (2) tickets to the festival, as will art teachers who

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submit artwork. Each student aged 13 or older will receive three (3) festival tickets. Kids 12 and under may attend the festival for free.

HOW ENTRY WORKS THIS YEAR:

The paper release form is still required on the back of each artwork piece. Families now complete it online using a teacher-specific take-home flyer (one flyer per art teacher; the same flyer works for every selected student).

The entry process is:

1. Art teacher selects students
Choose the school's entries based on the official theme (one piece per grade level, as allowed by the rules).
2. Art teacher will receive an emailed take-home flyer
Each teacher will receive a PDF with a QR code and short code. The flyer is tied to each teacher, not to an individual student, so it can be printed for every selected student across grade levels.
3. Art teacher sends the flyer home
Print or photocopy the flyer and send a copy home with each selected student.
4. Student brings the flyer to parents / guardians
Parents keep the flyer until the form is completed.
5. Parents / guardians complete the web form
Scan the QR code on a phone or, on a computer, open the website and enter the code printed on the flyer. School and art teacher information are already filled in and locked. Parents complete only the student and parent / guardian sections, agree to the acknowledgment and release, and sign in the signature box.
6. Parents generate and print the entry PDF
A copy of the completed form is also emailed to the art teacher. Parents print the PDF.
7. Student returns the printed form to the art teacher
The art teacher attaches / pastes the completed release form to the back of each artwork entry before drop-off.
8. Art teacher drops off the artwork
Deliver matted, wrapped artwork with the attached form by the official deadline at a designated drop-off location.

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES & POLICIES:

DEADLINE: Drop off artwork at one of the designated drop-off locations by **Tuesday, December 15, 2026 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

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- **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: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd 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 can only award checks to students who win “Best of Show” or 1st place. In addition, each winner will be on display in the Youth Art Competition area both days, February 6 & 7, 2027. **AWARD CEREMONY IS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH AT 2:30 PM.**

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
- 1st Place winning students and their schools receive \$90 each
- 2nd Place winners’ school receives \$75
- 3rd 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 15, 2026, 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 pickup after the awards ceremony in the ArtiKids Zone on **Sunday, February 7th**. 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@pbnchamber.com by **Wednesday, February 3rd**.

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 8th and Monday, March 1st, 2027**. Pickup times are **Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **Any artwork not picked up by Monday, March 1st, 2027, 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.
- 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.

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