



December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello Teachers!

We are excited to announce the details for Rockford Art Museum's 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Young Artist Show. The High School Division will run from March 13<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and the Youth Division will run from April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The submission process will be fully digital using Google Forms, and the show itself will be in-person! We will be inviting a guest juror (TBA) to select work for the show and recognize your students for their excellence. After going fully virtual for last year's show, we couldn't be happier to welcome your students' work back into the museum galleries!

In the following pages, you will find all the submission requirements and important deadlines for the High School Division, but here are a few dates to mark your calendars with:

January 24<sup>th</sup>: Digital submissions due

January 28<sup>th</sup>: Jurying begins

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Notifications of accepted work sent to teachers

February 18<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>: Artwork drop-off

March 13<sup>th</sup>: High School Division Opening Reception 1:00-3:00pm, awards presented at 2:00pm

April 10<sup>th</sup>: Last day of High School Division Exhibition

April 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>: Artwork pick-up

We truly appreciate your dedication to your students and the hard work you put in to give them this opportunity to be recognized. We're looking forward to another year of great art work, excellent students, and a wonderful exhibition!

Sincerely,

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## General Information

**High School Division: March 13<sup>th</sup> – April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Submission deadline: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Entries are accepted from students who attend Illinois or Wisconsin public, private, or home schools, grades 9–12, within a 50-mile radius of Rockford Art Museum.
- Schools whose art department enrollment **exceeds 250** students may submit **50** entries; art departments with **less than 250** students enrolled may submit **30** entries.
- Homeschool high schoolers can submit up to 2 pieces per student.
- No student may enter more than 2 pieces.
- Eligibility for a senior portfolio award will be completely separate. Please make sure ANY senior work (including work that will be used in a portfolio submission) is ALSO included in your school's submission. Portfolio submissions will be used solely to determine the Senior Portfolio Scholarship winners, and will not automatically be included in the overall exhibition (see page 5).

### ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS:

1. Artwork may be made of any media and **must** have been completed during the past calendar year (except for senior portfolio entries, page 5).
2. Digital artwork must be labeled by the program in which it was created.
3. Artwork must be original. Do not submit work based on published commercial photography or artwork.

### JUDGING:

Jurors are selected by Rockford Art Museum staff based on their credentials. Jurors have teaching experience, an understanding of high school/college work, and experience creating and exhibiting their own work. Jurors use these criteria to determine acceptance and awards: imagination, originality, composition, craftsmanship, technique, and content.

### AWARDS:

- **(1) Portfolio Scholarship Award** is completely separate from our general submission this year, see page 5.
- **(1) Women's Art Board Scholarship** is awarded to a senior for a single exceptional piece.
- **(1) Best of Show, (1) Best of 2-D, and (1) Best of 3-D** are awarded to individual students (of any grade level) for a single, outstanding piece.
- **(4) Merit Awards** will be selected by Rockford Art Museum staff.
- **(10) Honorable Mention Awards** are given for works deemed of excellent quality.

### OPENING:

The opening reception will be held on **Sunday, March 13, 2022 from 1:00-3:00pm**. Awards will be presented at 2:00pm. Please plan to attend 😊



# Digital Submission Requirements

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Artwork must be submitted through an Illinois or Wisconsin public, private or homeschool high school. Each school must have only **one** contact person.
2. **Submit 1 submission form per school.** Do not submit separate forms for different teachers.
3. Submissions will be made via Google Forms. You can access the submission form by clicking [here](#) or by following this link: <https://forms.gle/5KHbxXH19XAH8quF8>.
4. Submit all of your school's artwork via Google Forms at **one time**.
5. You will need a Google account (or gmail account) to submit the form. If you do not have a Google account, you can create one with your existing email address. If you need other options, please contact Jaymee Fedor at [jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org](mailto:jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org).
6. After you fill out the form, upload your images, and hit submit, please be patient. Sometimes submitting large quantities of files takes a little while. Try not to exit out of the webpage until you get a confirmation message.

## IMAGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Images must be documented well, meaning:
  - o Image is cropped so that only the artwork is visible (no walls, thumbtacks, etc.)
  - o Image is an accurate representation of the physical artwork (not too bright or dark)
  - o Photo editing software can be used only to make the image a more accurate representation of actual art work, never to enhance.
  - o Sculpture is photographed on a clean, plain background.
2. All images must be sized to exactly 1200px on their smallest edge, with a DPI of 150. Please make sure images are all saved as jpegs (jpeg/jpg).
3. In the "Image Upload" section of the Google Form, make sure all images are named with the name of the school, an underscore, and an ID number. Example:

### **School Name\_ID#.filetype**

[Jefferson\\_01.jpg](#)  
[Jefferson\\_02.jpg](#)  
[Jefferson\\_03.jpg](#)  
[Jefferson\\_04.jpg](#)  
[Jefferson\\_05.jpg](#)

1. In the "Student Artwork Information" section of the Google Form, please list the ID number (corresponding with the uploaded image), student's name, grade, artwork title, and medium. Details **must be listed in that order**. Example:

### **ID #: Student Name, Grade, Title, Medium**

01: John Maguire, 10<sup>th</sup> grade, The Masked Temple, Gouache on paper  
02: Fahad Garza, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Grilled Cheese, Acrylic on canvas  
03: Lexi Garcia, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Rain Forest Fantasy, Watercolor on paper  
04: Ezmae Blair, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, Dragonfly, Digital photography  
05: Austin Calvert, 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Stop Staring at Me, Mixed media

## SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

All work must be submitted by midnight on **Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. To be accepted, submissions must comply with above sizing, naming, and description requirements.

**Questions?** Please email Jaymee Fedor at [jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org](mailto:jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org)



## Accepted Work

### ACCEPTED WORK:

- Teachers will be notified of accepted work by Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 2-D work **MUST** be matted and backed with foam core or cardboard for strength. Mats must be clean and sturdy. Attach art securely within the mat to the backing board. No construction paper mats accepted. Work should not be framed.
- Rockford Art Museum will refuse to exhibit poorly presented work.
- All artwork must be ready to display. Small nails are used. If a piece is difficult to install, the artist or teacher may be asked to hang/install it.
- Selected artwork must remain on view for the duration of the exhibition—**Seniors applying for other portfolio scholarships or AP credit should keep this in mind when submitting work for the Young Artist Show.**

### ACCEPTED WORK DROP-OFF:

- Along with the notification, teachers will be sent inventory sheets and ID cards to attach to artworks.
- Work can be dropped off to the museum anytime during our open hours between February 18<sup>th</sup> – February 27<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 4:30pm.
- Please note that the museum building is **closed on Mondays**. If you plan on dropping work off before 4:30pm on Tuesday or Wednesday, please call ahead as the museum is closed to the public but the offices are open. You can call at (815) 972-2874.
- Work can be dropped off to the museum store anytime Thursdays-Sundays from 10am to 4:30pm between February 18<sup>th</sup> and February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Rockford Art Museum is located in the Riverfront Museum Park, located at 711 N. Main St. in Rockford

### ACCEPTED WORK PICK-UP:

- Art work can be picked up between April 12<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup> anytime between 10am to 4:30pm. If you need to schedule a different pick-up time, please contact Jaymee at [jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org](mailto:jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org) the week before. Work will of course need to remain on display through Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.



# Senior Portfolio Submissions

## Senior Portfolio Scholarship Award

Submission deadline: January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. It's recommended that students submit their own portfolios through Google Forms, but teachers can aid in the submitting process if they'd like.
2. Each portfolio can contain up to 5 pieces and must be submitted by high school seniors only.
3. **These portfolios will be considered entirely separate from the Young Artist Show exhibition. If there are pieces from the portfolio that you want to submit as part of your school's allotted number, you must submit them as part of both the general submission AND the Senior Portfolio Submission.**
4. The **Portfolio Scholarship Award** will be presented to one college-bound senior based upon the overall strength, consistency and quality of their portfolio. The winning portfolio will be displayed in its entirety in the Young Artist Show High School Division and will need to follow the "Accepted Work" guidelines outlined in the general submission details (see page 4).

### SUBMISSION:

1. Each portfolio must be submitted as a separate Google Form.
2. Submissions will be made via Google Forms. You can access the submission form [here](#) or by following this link: <https://forms.gle/n5i9ExrGqfeUeGLZA>

### IMAGE REQUIREMENTS:

1. In the "Senior Portfolio Upload" section of the Google Form, make sure all images are named with the name of the school, an underscore, the name of the student, another underscore, and an ID number. Example:

**School Name\_Student Name\_ID#.filetype**

Jefferson\_Mia Katz\_01.jpg

Jefferson\_Mia Katz\_02.jpg

Jefferson\_Mia Katz\_03.jpg

Jefferson\_Mia Katz\_04.jpg

Jefferson\_Mia Katz\_05.jpg

2. In the "Portfolio Artwork Details" section of the Google Form, list the artwork's title and medium in correspondence with the appropriate ID number. Example:

**ID #: Title, Medium**

01: The Masked Temple, Gouache on paper

02: Grilled Cheese, Acrylic on canvas

03: Rain Forest Fantasy, Watercolor on paper

04: Dragonfly, Digital photography

05: Stop Staring at Me, Mixed media

## QUESTIONS:

Seniors competing for the Senior Portfolio Scholarship Award will need to answer a series of questions related to their art and educational plans. It may be helpful to type the answers out in a Google or Word document first, and copy/paste them into the Google Form. The questions are as follows:

- a. What motivates you to create art?
- b. Discuss the subjects, ideas, materials, and techniques that currently interest you.
- c. Discuss your educational plans for the next year.
- d. What are your career goals, and how do they relate to your art practice?

## AWARD:

The Portfolio Scholarship Award will be presented at our awards ceremony on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.

Questions? Please email Jaymee Fedor at [jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org](mailto:jfedor@rockfordartmuseum.org)



Thank You!