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SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS SEEKS STUDENT-ARTISTS IN NORTHERN NEVADA

The Nevada Museum of Art invites students in grades 7 – 12 (ages 13 and up) to submit creative and original artwork to the nation's longest-running and most prestigious competitive scholarship opportunity for creative teens.

(RENO, NV November 7, 2023) – Calling all teen artists in Northern Nevada! Whether by pencil or paint, stylus or camera, the Scholastic Art Awards offers students grades 7-12 in Northern Nevada an opportunity to showcase their original artworks for a chance to compete for regional and national awards, and merit-based scholarships. Students passionate about the arts? The longest-running, prestigious art scholarship program is looking for undiscovered young talent in Northern Nevada. To participate, students must submit their original works now through the submission deadline, **Thursday, December 14** using the [Scholastic Art Awards online portal](#)—no mail-in submissions will be accepted—in order to be considered for the 2024 award year.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have served as a launch pad for millions of teens, with many luminaries attributing their confidence to pursue their careers to the Awards. For over a century, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have encouraged the passions, talents, and perspectives of millions of teens, validating their creative abilities and the belief that their voices matter, including some of the program's most notable alumni, such as Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, José Parlá, Amanda Gorman, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol, all of whom received recognition through the program as teens.

The Nevada Museum of Art has hosted the Scholastic Art Awards for over a quarter century. This long tradition continues, with an exhibition featuring works distinguished as American Visions Award-winners on display at the E.L. Cord Museum School at the Nevada Museum of Art Wednesday, January 31 – Wednesday, February 28, 2024. An accompanying exhibition of works recognized as Gold Key award winners will be exhibited at the Sheppard Contemporary Gallery in the Church Fine Arts Complex on the UNR Main Campus Wednesday, January 31- Wednesday February 28, 2024.

This is the fourth year that the Museum and University have partnered to support and exhibit works for the Scholastic Art Awards. This partnership is a part of a larger initiative of both institutions to perpetuate and support arts education in the state of Nevada.

Details about the Scholastic Art Awards

Last year, judges considered well over 2,000 works submitted in 16 categories from young artists in Northern Nevada. Unlike previous years, mailed submissions will not be accepted; in order to participate, middle and high school students must [submit their entries digitally](#). No physical entries, cash or check submission payments will be accepted.

This year, entrants to the 2024 Scholastic Art Awards can choose between seventeen art categories to which to submit their work. Entries will be judged by their originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a unique, personal aesthetic and vision. Submission details can be found on the [Scholastic Art & Writing website](#). Students will be notified of their award status by **Monday, January 8, 2024**.

Since 1999, the Nevada Museum of Art, Donald W. Reynolds Center for the Visual Arts, E. L. Wiegand Gallery, has overseen the Northern Nevada regional visual arts component of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, honoring exceptional middle and high school students from Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Pershing, Storey, Washoe, and White Pine counties. Students submitting original work to the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards follow in the footsteps of distinguished Awards alumni including Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Sylvia Plath, Richard Avedon and Reno's own Michael Sarich.

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The Nevada Museum of Art is the only art museum in Nevada accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). A private, nonprofit organization founded in 1931, the statewide institution is supported by its membership as well as sponsorships, gifts and grants. Through its permanent collections, original exhibitions and programming, and E.L. Cord Museum School, the Nevada Museum of Art provides meaningful opportunities for people to engage with a range of art and education experiences. The Museum's **Center for Art + Environment** is an internationally-recognized research center dedicated to supporting the practice, study, and awareness of creative interactions between people and their environments. The Center houses unique archive materials from more than 1,500 artists working on all seven continents, including Cape Farewell, Michael Heizer, Walter de Maria, Lita Albuquerque, Burning Man, the Center for Land Use Interpretation, Great Basin Native Artists Archive, Ugo Rondinone's *Seven Magic Mountains*, and Trevor Paglen's *Orbital Reflector*. Learn more at nevadaart.org.

Land Acknowledgement

The Nevada Museum of Art acknowledges the traditional homelands of the *Wa She Shu* (Washoe), *Numu* (Northern Paiute), *Newe* (Western Shoshone), and *Nuwu* (Southern Paiute) people of the Great Basin. This includes the 28 tribal nations that exist as sovereign nations and continue as stewards of this land. We appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on these Indigenous homelands.