The Alexandria Museum of Art is seeking creative student art entries for the 2020 Youth Art Month Competition at AMoA. This annual event is a great opportunity to share and highlight the talent and creativity of your students. The 2020 YAM Exhibition will open at the Alexandria Museum of Art Friday, March 6 and be on display through Saturday, April 11, 2020 simultaneously with Childhood Classics: 100 Years of Children’s Book Illustrations.

The Youth Art Month Competition is annually juried and judged by a well-respected member of the arts and culture community. This may be an artist, art educator or leader in the civic community that appreciates and supports the efforts of art education.

All forms and entry information can also be found at http://www.themuseum.org/teachers/youth-art-month.

**Guidelines and Requirements – Please Read Carefully**

**SCHEDULE:**
- Call for entries opens: Thursday, December 19, 2019
- Entry deadline: Wednesday, February 5, 2020
- Emailed Acceptance Notifications: Wednesday, February 12
- Deadline for delivery of accepted works: Saturday, February 22
- **YAM Opening Reception:** Friday, March 6, 2020 at 6:00pm
- Youth Art Month Festival and Awards: Saturday, March 14
- Exhibition Dates: March 6 - April 11
- All artwork will be available for pick-up: April 18 during business hours

*AMoA is not responsible for works left after May 15, 2020.

**ELIGIBILITY:**
All K-12 Rapides Parish students are eligible to enter. Please see guidelines for mediums allowed. Not all works entered are accepted.

**Art Teachers:** Please be your school’s (and students’) contact for this competition. If your school does not have an art teacher and you would like to enter, please select one teacher to be the representative.

**Homeschool Parents:** You are your child’s contact for this competition.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**
- Entries must follow all guidelines.
- Teachers may submit 2 entries per grade level. One entry per student.
- All works must be created during the current school year.
- Individual and original artwork only. No reproductions or group projects will be accepted.
- Computer generated artwork or photography will not be accepted in this competition.
- The number of works accepted is based on space availability at AMoA.
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED:
- Total dimensions of 2-D artwork should not exceed 25”x31”.
- No framed art. Tip: edges of painted canvas are better when painted.
- 3-D pieces are limited to 3’ in all measurements and must be less than 20lbs.
- No changes or substitutions are allowed after Call for Entry closes.

HOW TO ENTER: follow these instructions closely
- Teachers may select up to two students’ works from each grade level that they teach (one entry per student).
- Collect artwork and take a photo of each (cell phone is acceptable as long as its close-up, clear and full-frame). Email them to yourself and save each as a JPG with its title and grade level as its name. For example: The Blue Fox 3rd Grade
- Send one email per entry to nancy@themuseum.org with:
  1. Subject Line: YAM ENTRY
  2. In the Body: Title of Work, Grade Level and Name of Student.
  3. Attached entry photo.
  4. Send to nancy@themuseum.org
- All works will be juried and email notifications of accepted works will be made on or before February 12, 2020.

PREPARATION (for accepted works):
- All artwork must be ready to hang or display. AMoA will not matt any entries.
- 2-D hanging artwork (not on canvas) must be matted in black with a two inch (2”) border.
- 2-D hanging artwork must have a strong backing to prevent warping (backing may be cardboard, foam core or mat board – no posterboard) with a hanging wire or string securely attached. Tip: do not use cotton string, scotch tape or painters tape.
- All accepted works must have a Student Art Label securely attached. (Forms may be copied as needed.)

DELIVERY (of accepted works):
- All accepted artwork must be delivered to AMoA no later than Saturday, February 22, 4:00pm. No exceptions.
- All entries must be accompanied by one Teacher Entry Form (with all entries) and a Student Entry Form for each artwork delivered.

AWARDS:
- Works are judged in four Grade Level Categories: K-2nd, 3rd–5th, 6th–8th and 9th–12th.
- Each Category is awarded a First, Second and Third Place and Honorable Mention.
- One Viewer’s Choice Award will be voted on by visitors of AMoA and the attendees of the Youth Art Month Festival.
- Award Presentations will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 2:00pm during the Youth Art Month Festival at AMoA.

CONSIDERATIONS:
Judges critique works based on creativity, originality and overall presentation.

If you have any questions, visit, http://themuseum.org/teachers/youth-art-month, or contact Nancy Noles at nancy@themuseum.org. Thank you for all your efforts in supporting our students in the visual arts!
**Youth Art Month Teacher Entry Form**

Please fill out form and deliver with your accepted pieces. Please print.

School

Teacher’s Name

Email_____________ Contact #:__________________

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This completed form must be securely attached to the back of all delivered artwork.