



2025 NEWPORT BEACH STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

Newport Beach Central Library
1st Floor Exhibit
1000 Avocado Ave, Newport Beach, CA 92660

CALL FOR ENTRIES: October 6 – November 30, 2025

Exhibit on display at the Central Library from January 6 – February 23, 2026, on the 1st floor



The Newport Beach Student Art Exhibition is a new and exciting program open to students grades pre-K through 12th.

Young artists may submit one original work of art in the following mediums: painting (acrylic, oil, watercolor), drawing (ink, pencil, charcoal, pastel, markers, crayons), or collage. Accepted artwork will be displayed at the Central Library from **January 6 – February 23, 2026**. Artists may submit their applications starting **Monday, October 6 until Sunday, November 30, 2025**.

Entries must be submitted in-person at the Central Library *only*. Awards will be selected and distributed to nine artists for first, second, and third prizes in the following categories:

- Pre-K - 3rd grade
- 4 - 7th grade
- 8 - 12th grade

Winners will be invited to an award ceremony in early February 2026.



ART DELIVERY AND RETRIEVAL INSTRUCTIONS

Submission of Artwork

Admissions will start on **Monday, October 6** through **Sunday, November 30, 2025**. Please bring a copy of the entry form and bring your art to the Children's Room on the 1st floor at the Central Library. After the artwork and entry form have been registered by staff, the artwork will be on display on the 1st floor of the Central Library in early 2026 (please see dates below).

Art Exhibit

Artwork will be on display on the 1st floor of the Central Library from **Tuesday, January 6 – Monday, February 23, 2026**. To display the art, each piece will be mounted onto foam core. Art will be returned with the foam core frame at the end of the exhibition.

Artwork Retrieval

Artists will have between **Monday, March 2 - Sunday, March 15, 2026**, to pick up their artwork from the Central Library in the Children's Room on the 1st floor.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please fill out the [Entry Form](#) and bring the completed form, along with your artwork, to the Children's Room located on the 1st floor. Once the application and artwork has been registered by staff, art will be on the 1st floor for display during the exhibition period.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Accepted mediums for entries:
Paintings, Drawings, Collages

Accepted canvas for entries:
Paper and cloth canvas

1. Submissions are limited to one (1) work of art per artist. Entry forms are required for participation.
2. Entries will be accepted **in person only** at the Central Library located at 1000 Avocado Ave. Please do not bring artwork to other Newport Beach library branches.
3. Artwork size limit: 9" x 12" and must be unframed.
4. Each entry must be an original work of art and not violate U.S. copyright laws. Unaccepted artwork includes copies from existing photos or images created by someone other than the applicant.
5. The City Arts Commission retains the right to reject entries that are deemed inappropriate for public display.
6. For the purpose of exhibiting at the Library, all accepted artworks will be adhered onto foam core for mount and display. Please be aware that artworks will be returned in this manner, and that removal of artwork from the foam core may cause damage to it. **By submitting art into the exhibition, the entrant accepts that the City shall not be held responsible for any damage of the artwork caused because of such attempts.**

PRIZE DETAILS:

Prizes are divided into three categories with nine winners overall: grades Pre-K - 3rd, grades 4 – 7th, and grades 8 – 12th. Winners will be invited to attend an award ceremony scheduled for early February 2026. **Prizes will be distributed as gift cards in the increments listed below.**

All participants will receive a certificate of participation through the email provided at the time of their registration. Please note that a certificate of participation *does not* indicate a prize award.



PRIZE CATEGORIES:

Pre-K – 3rd Grade*

- 1st Prize - \$100.00 – The Courage of Creativity, The Henri Matisse Award
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00 – A Creation from The Heart, The Marc Chagall Award
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00 – Every Child is an Artist, The Picasso Award

4 – 7th Grade*

- 1st Prize - \$100.00 – An Inner Picture of the Soul, The Edvard Munch Award
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00 – Shapes and Colors as Language, The Georgia O’Keefe Award
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00 – By All Means, Paint! The Vincent Van Gogh Award

8 – 12th Grade*

- 1st Prize - \$100.00 – An Artist Who Inspires Others, The Salvador Dali Award
- 2nd Prize - \$50.00 – Art with a Life of Its Own, The Jackson Pollock Award
- 3rd Prize - \$25.00 – Happy as Long as I Can Paint, The Frida Kahlo Award

**One artist will be selected as an Honorable Mention in each grade category. There is no gift card prize for Honorable Mention, but the artist will receive a certificate for their accomplishment and will be invited to attend the award ceremony in early February 2026.*

Questions? Call the Newport Beach Cultural Arts Office at (949) 717-3802 or send an email to arts@newportbeachca.gov.