



October 29, 2018

Dear Arkansas Art Educator,

Governor Hutchinson and I are very proud to announce the **2019 Governor's Young Artist Exhibit Competition!**

In conjunction with the Governor's Mansion Association, we are once again hosting this statewide juried exhibition for Arkansas' talented high school artists. Beginning **January 1, 2019**, high school students from across Arkansas are invited to submit **ONLINE** their drawings, paintings, prints and mixed media assemblages in conjunction with the 2019 competition theme, *"Tell Me a Story."* The collective goal of the competition is to inspire our state's young artists by providing them with a platform for their work which will be displayed at the Governor's Mansion during April 2019. Awards and other recognition will be presented at the 2019 Awards Reception to be hosted by the Governor and myself on **Saturday, April 27, 2019**, at the Governor's Mansion.

Important submission deadlines and other information are outlined in the attached documentation. We greatly appreciate your help in disseminating this contest information to your peers and look forward to receiving wonderful works of art from our state's bright and talented young artists.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the competition, please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Morris at 501-324-9805 ([sharon.morris@governor.arkansas.gov](mailto:sharon.morris@governor.arkansas.gov)).

Sincerely,

Susan Hutchinson  
First Lady of Arkansas

# 2019 Governor's Young Artist Competition

## Who Is Eligible?

All public, private, charter and home-schooled high school students (Grades 9-12) who reside in Arkansas are eligible.

## 2019 Competition's Theme: Tell Me a Story

The 2019 Governor's Young Artist Competition theme is: ***Tell Me a Story***. The purpose of any artwork is to communicate a message and/or to comment, scream or sing about the world in which we live and how we see it. For this year's competition, we want students to tell us a story that moves both themselves and the viewer through their painting, drawing, photograph or sculpture. Use color, line, gesture, composition or symbolism to convey the story. There should be emotion in the work, and it should have a driving force. The story should express the student's emotions/feelings by weaving a narrative through their art.

## Submission Requirements:

- Artwork must be submitted by a high school teacher or representative
- **Each high school teacher/representative may submit up to 15 pieces of artwork, with an individual limit of only 3 submissions per student.** Also, this is a juried show. Entries are NOT guaranteed acceptance.
- There are NO fees associated with submission
- ANY piece created by students at any time during their high school education may be submitted. However, reproductions are NOT allowed.
- Photograph entries (8X10 minimum) are **limited to 5 photos per student.**

## Media Specifications:

- Work must not exceed 40 inches wide by 40 inches high.
- **Minimum size is 11 X 14.**
- Work must be physical, tangible, and available to be displayed for the duration of the exhibition. **All winning submissions must be ready to hang for a professional gallery.** No tape with wire or string will be allowed. Pastel and charcoal drawings must be sprayed with fixative.

## HOW TO SUBMIT ARTWORK:

Each artwork submission must be uploaded online, using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/70814952764161>. You will use this link for **EACH individual** piece of artwork submitted. Please keep the images free of identifying information (artist name, etc.) as this information will require cropping of the image. **ENTRIES ARE ONLY ACCEPTED THROUGH THIS LINK.** The link is also available at our website: [www.friendsofthemansion.org](http://www.friendsofthemansion.org)

**Entries MUST be UPLOADED no later than 6 p.m.,**  
**February 8, 2019**

**Other Important Dates:**

\*January 1, 2019 – Teachers may begin uploading student artwork at:

<https://form.jotform.com/70814952764161>

\*February 8, 2019 - **DEADLINE** for uploaded submissions to:

<https://form.jotform.com/70814952764161>

\*Week of February 19, 2019 - Teachers/schools will be notified if submissions are selected for exhibition.

\*March 22, 2019 – **DEADLINE** for selected works (gallery ready) to be delivered to Mansion  
**(must call to schedule delivery, 501-324-9805).**

\*April 1, 2019 - The student exhibition at Governor's Mansion begins.

\*April 27, 2019 (3 p.m.) - Awards Reception/Recognition ceremony at Governor's Mansion.

**For more information, contact Sharon Morris at:**  
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