

Rules of Exhibit for The National Arts Program® In Abilene

Don't hide your talent! The National Arts Program® is designed to give all artists, at all levels of skill, an uninhibited opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional manner to compete for cash prizes and continuing education grants. Sponsored by The National Arts Program Foundation in support and cooperation with (the City of Abilene), the exhibit is judged by professional artists and visual art professionals in Amateur, Intermediate, Professional and Youth classifications. And it is free to all. Don't miss this chance to be recognized for your creativity. Be proud of your art! Visit our website where you can upload your artwork:
www.nationalartsprogram.org

ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be an employee or a family member of an employee of the City of Abilene.
- All entries submitted must be the **original** work of the applicant. **Not accepted:** copies; kits; paint-by-number pieces; photocopies or photographs of artwork; magazine or book illustrations.
- The National Arts Program® and the City of Abilene reserve the right to disqualify entries they consider to be unacceptable or inappropriate for a public exhibit.

MEDIUM CATEGORIES

- Painting (oils, acrylics, etc.)
- Works on Paper (pencil, ink, marker, charcoal, pastel, crayon, watercolors, graphic design, etc.)
- Photography (black-and-white; color)
- Sculpture (in the round or relief)
- Craft (mixed media, pottery, jewelry, woodcarving, weaving, etc.)

CLASSIFICATIONS

Artwork will be judged in the classification of the artist's selection; however, the exhibition judges will make the final determination in some cases.

Adult

Amateur – a person with little or no experience
Intermediate – a person with some experience, beginning art students, etc.
Professional – a person with serious art training, or employed in an art related job

Youth

Youth under 12 years old
Youth 12-18 years old

PRIZES & AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded by classification:

Adult (Amateur, Intermediate, & Professional)

- 3 – First Place Awards of \$300
- 3 – Second Place Awards of \$200
- 3 – Third Place Awards of \$100

Youth (Youth under 12; Youth 12-18)

- 2 – First Place Awards of \$75
- 2 – Second Place Awards of \$50
- 2 – Third Place Awards of \$25

- A Best of Show Award of \$300 will be presented.
- Scholarships for continuing art education may be awarded.
- Honorable Mention Ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- Each artist receives a Certificate of Participation in The National Arts Program®.

PREPARING ENTRIES

- Submit only entries which fit into the listed medium categories.
- All artwork will need an NAP identification label placed on the back (provided at drop off).
- **All 2-dimensional entries should be hard board mounted and matted or framed and ready to hang with wire securely on the back.**
- All work must measure no more than 48" in any direction or weigh more than 50 pounds unless otherwise stipulated.
- Artwork that does not meet size limitations or specifications will be disqualified before judging.

The 18th Annual Exhibit of The National Arts Program® In Abilene May 6-31, 2008

REGISTRATION FORM

Complete this entry form to participate in the 18th Annual Exhibit of The National Arts Program® for the City of Abilene employees and their family members. There is **no fee** to enter the program. *Please print clearly.*

- Employee, Retiree, Volunteer, Resident
- Relative of an Employee, Retiree, Volunteer, Resident

Employee Name _____
Artist Name (if different) _____
Artist Age (if youth applicant) _____
Department of Employee
or Relative _____
Position _____
Artist Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone (day) _____
Phone (eve.) _____
E-mail address _____

I am interested in volunteering to help with the exhibit.

Classification:

- Amateur Intermediate Professional
- Youth (under 12 years) Youth (12-18 years)

Entries (limited to 2 works per person):

Title: _____
Medium: (select from categories list A-E): _____
Size: _____
Title: _____
Medium: (select from categories list A-E): _____
Size: _____

Please do not send artwork at this time. Refer to the Rules of Exhibit for delivery and pickup dates.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
(Tuesday, April 8)
For additional information call:
(325) 677-8389

Visit our Websites:
www.nationalartsprogram.org
www.center-arts.com

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RULES OF EXHIBIT (Continued)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The attached Registration Form must be received no later than April 8, 2008. Just detach, stamp and mail, or fax to (325) 677-1171). Forms may be copied or additional forms may be obtained by contacting Saybra Giles at saybra@center-arts.com or calling (325) 677-8389.

DELIVERING ENTRIES

All entries must be delivered to The Center for Contemporary Arts on Friday April 25, from 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.

RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY

A reception and presentation of awards will be held at the Center for Contemporary Arts on Thursday, May 8.

PUBLIC EXHIBIT

The exhibit will be open to the public from May 6-31, 2008, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 11am -5pm. The exhibit is free to the public. All artists may upload their original artwork and personal biography on our interactive website: www.nationalartsprogram.org

RETRIEVING ENTRIES

Each artist is responsible for retrieving his/her artwork no later than Tuesday, June 3. Neither the City of Abilene nor The National Arts Program®. will be responsible for unclaimed works.

LIABILITY

Every attempt will be made to preserve, secure and protect each entry submitted; but neither The National Arts Program® nor the City of Abilene can be held responsible for damage or loss of art entries. *The placing of art in the exhibition constitutes an agreement on the part of the entrant with conditions herein set forth.* The National Arts Program Foundation and the City of Abilene reserve the right to publish for publicity purposes reproductions of the entries. The National Arts Program® in Abilene is a public exhibit and photographing/filming the exhibit is encouraged.

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**In Abilene
May 6–31, 2008**

**The 18th Annual Exhibit and Awards
of
The National Arts Program® for
the City of Abilene
Employees and their Families**

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