



Young Artist Showcase 2027 - Teamwork: It Takes a Village!

The Santa Clara County Office of Education presents the 2027 Young Artist Showcase. This showcase is open to students in grades Pre-Kindergarten to 12th Grade currently attending public schools located in Santa Clara County. The Young Artist Showcase Committee will select student artwork to be entered into the permanent exhibit located in the Santa Clara County Office of Education campuses and spotlighted during the Virtual Young Artist Showcase Celebration on May 20, 2027, at 4:00 p.m.

All submissions must be original artwork created by the student artist(s) to be submitted digitally. Artificially enhanced submissions generated through the use of any AI platforms will be disqualified. Submissions must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2027.

Please make sure to read the submission guidelines in full for eligibility and terms of the Young Artist Showcase.

2027 Young Artist Showcase Theme - Teamwork: It takes a Village!

Collaboration and teamwork is work done by a group acting together so that each member does a part that contributes to the efficiency of the whole (Definition source: [Merriam-Webster](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/teamwork)). Teamwork is important at work, in school, in sports, in performing arts ensembles, in theatre, dance, and in any collective.

Your artwork can be in several forms:

- Musicians can perform a piece in a collaborative musical work.
- Dancers and actors can perform in a pair or a larger ensemble to create a piece that reflects group work.
- Visual artists and media artists can craft 2D, 3D, or 4D depictions, narratives, animations, films or illustrate symbolic or literal interpretations of the theme across several genres: collective work, sports, community work, teamwork of any kind.

Key Dates

- **October 12, 2026 to March 29, 2027** -Accepting submissions through Young Artist Showcase Application. Application will be closed on March 29, 2027 at 5:00 p.m. (PST).
- **Week of April 12, 2027** - Finalist selections by Young Artist Showcase Committee
- **May 10, 2027** - Selection results to be published at www.sccoe.org/arts/yas
- **May 20, 2027** - 2027 Young Artist Showcase Virtual Celebration at 4:00 p.m.

Student Eligibility

- Students in Pre-Kindergarten to 12th Grade currently enrolled in public schools, including charter schools, located in Santa Clara County are encouraged to submit their student work.
- All Santa Clara County public/charter schools, public preschool programs, and after-school public programs are eligible to participate.
- All submissions must include contact information of the student's public school teacher for Young Artist Showcase communications. Contact information for after school program teachers not associated with a public school district or charter school is not accepted.
- Submissions from students enrolled in private schools, and/or public schools outside of Santa Clara County will automatically be disqualified. This includes students residing in Santa Clara County attending schools outside of Santa Clara County.
 - For a list of schools within Santa Clara County school districts, please refer to the Santa Clara County Office of Education [Public Schools Directory](#).
 - For a list of Santa Clara County Office of Education charter schools please refer to Santa Clara County [Charter School Directory](#).

Artwork Eligibility

Student artwork will be accepted in four (4) categories:

- **Visual Arts (2D):** Paintings, drawings, prints, works on paper, canvas, wood, cardboard, mixed media, and film/analog photography. Anything on a flat surface.
- **Visual Arts (3D):** sculpture, installation, glass, metal, ceramics, mixed media with materials coming off the paper, etc. Anything three-dimensional.
- **Media Arts (4D):** New media (such as podcasts, video, cartoons, infographics), digital photography, illustration, graphic design, and photo-shopped images. Anything created on a computer, digital camera, or screen.**
- **Performing Arts:** Performance of a musical, dance or theatre piece, reciting of a poem, composition of original music or original dance. Perform, capture, and submit via YouTube. A submission may be no more than two minutes.

**Please note: AI generated or AI enhanced submissions (ie. using Chat GPT or any other Artificial Intelligence platforms) will be disqualified.

Submission Requirements

- Student work will be submitted digitally to Santa Clara County Office of Education via the Young Artist Showcase Online Submission Form.
- Submissions will be accepted electronically beginning October 12, 2026, on a rolling basis until March 29, 2027.
- Must be original work created by the student artist(s).
 - Artwork and performances can be done alone, with a partner or with a group of classmates. Please make sure to include all artists' names.

- Submissions are limited to one artwork per student or group of students if it is a shared project.
- Student work should be submitted as a high resolution image
 - .jpeg, .png or .tiff file format
 - Dimension size of image should be no smaller than 2400x1800 pixels
 - At least 300 dpi resolution
- An artist statement shall be included with each submission. **Student Artwork submissions without artist statements will be disqualified.**

Digital File Submission Tips:

When photographing your work:

- Make sure to take the photo in a fairly lit environment with a neutral or blank background. Please use caution with flash or bright sunlight streaming on your work.
- Do not have other objects showing in the photo.
- If the photo is too blurry, we may request to retake another submission photo of your student work.
- Please do not use Instagram or other filters to edit your work
- For Media Arts & Performing Art submissions, if your file is too large, please upload your submission onto Youtube or Google Drive and share the link. You may insert the link in the "comments" of the submission form.

→ For further references, please refer to the following youtube videos:

- ◆ [How to Photograph Artwork for Online Submissions](#)
- ◆ [Recording For Performance | How-To Guide](#)

Artist Statements:

- Students are encouraged to complete the YAS Student Worksheet to prepare for the artist statement questions on the submission form.
- Points will be deducted from AI generated artist statements which can have a negative impact on placement. Point deduction amount will be determined by degree of AI usage.

Selection Process

Best in Show: Student work that best represents the theme of the year out of all submissions overall.

Finalists: Student work that best represents the theme of the year in each grade level.

Honorable Mentions: Runner-up selections of student work that represents the theme of the year.

The Young Artist Showcase Committee uses the following judging criteria to determine student artwork selections (not in order of priority):

- Theme interpretation
- Imagination and creativity
- Effective use of media
- Visual Impact
- Originality
- Skill & technique of artwork media (i.e. use of paint, crayons, pencil, ink, video and digital technologies)
- Composition

- Effective use of elements of art/theatre/music/dance
- Effective use of principles of design/musical elements/key theatrical concepts/elements of dance
- Effective use of compositional/performance technique
- Artist Statement

People's choice award will be announced before the release of the Online Student Art Gallery on **May 10, 2027** on the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Young Artist Showcase webpage. Awardees will have their submitted artwork on display at the Santa Clara County Office of Education's Office and entered into the organization's permanent Young Artist Showcase collection.

For further guidelines, worksheets and submission forms please visit the SCCOE [Young Artist Showcase](#) webpage.

Please share this information with teachers, school site administrators, and other interested colleagues. For further details, please contact Sofia Fojas at artspirationsocialmedia@sccoe.org or visit artspiration.sccoe.org.