

The Visual Arts Achievement Program celebrates excellence in school Visual Arts programs across the state. Students in middle and high school programs are invited to submit work through their teachers for adjudicated exhibits regionally. The highest award-winning works in each region are moved forward to the State exhibit where additional awards are given. The Alabama State Council on the Arts also recognizes an exceptional teacher, and an exceptionally supportive school system each year. Five seniors are selected to receive scholarships in higher education through a portfolio review of their work.

### *District Competitions - Actual and Virtual*

The first level of exhibits takes place in 6 districts statewide, providing opportunities for any and every student in an Alabama school to have their work adjudicated for an exhibit. District coordinators establish deadlines, methods of submission and juries to evaluate work. Coordinators are encouraged to provide teacher workshops. Some also provide student workshops. Each teacher is invited to send 10 or less student pieces to the district competition. Each student submitting may only submit one piece to allow for more students to participate.

This year, due to the COVID\_19 pandemic our Regional Coordinators are providing abbreviated exhibits and workshops. Some are able to collect original work and will display it for a period of time. Visiting the exhibits will be by appointment only, limited to numbers of guests attending, and guests will be required to follow all CDC guideline while visiting the exhibits. Other coordinators will accept submissions only virtually and will create virtual online exhibits. All Coordinators will accept submissions virtually even if they are collecting actual work. It will be up to parents and teachers to decide how to submit student work. Coordinators should be contacted for submission requirements.

### *State Exhibit - Virtual*

The second level is the State Exhibit. Each District coordinator selects a maximum of 17 student pieces to move on to our State Exhibit. Due to the limited size of the Georgine Clarke Alabama Artists Gallery and the requirement for travel, we will only be collecting work for the State Exhibit virtually. For this reason, we recommend that every student submit a high-quality digital image of their work. District Coordinators are willing to photograph artwork to ensure quality. If it is not possible to transport the work to district coordinators, please follow the Guidelines and Suggestions for creating quality digital images. Students submitting in the categories of photography and computer images should simply send the digital image created for the exhibit.