



# The Hawai'i Regional Scholastic Art Awards

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Information for Interested Schools, Students,  
and Educators



# What are the Scholastic Art Awards?

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were founded in 1923 and seek to recognize American student artists and writers. It is the oldest student recognition program in the country and features alumni such as Andy Warhol, Stephen King, and Amanda Gorman. Its parent organization, The Alliance For Young Artists and Writers, partners with regional affiliates from across the United States to offer young creatives the opportunity to showcase their talents.

# The Hawai'i Regional Scholastic Art Awards

- The State of Hawai'i has participated in the competition for over sixty years.
- The State Foundation on Culture and the Arts is the current regional affiliate for the State of Hawai'i and oversees our local competition. Its main responsibilities include:
  - Organizing the regional competition
  - Communicating with schools, students, and educators
  - Submission processing
  - Regional adjudication
  - Hosting the regional awards ceremony and exhibition

# How the Competition Works

- Students can submit work to over 17 different categories that cover traditional mediums to drawing and illustration to more contemporary expressions such as digital art
- Submissions are judged by a panel of judges made up of local artists, cultural administrators, and creative professionals
- There are three awards given out at the local level:
  - Honorable Mention
  - Silver Key
  - Gold Key
- Works that receive a Gold Key award are entered into the national competition
- Each work of art is judged by three criteria:
  - Technical skill
  - Originality
  - Emergence of personal vision or voice





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- All work is judged solely on the image of the art alone. However, students can include information such as a title, dimensions, or in some cases artist statements to help contextualize their work as it is being reviewed.
- Students can submit as much work as they want except in the photography category which is limited to sixteen entries per student
- High school seniors can submit work to the senior portfolio category
- The Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts will feature award-winning work at Capitol Modern (also known as the Hawai'i State Art Museum) during its annual Hawai'i Regional Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition.



# Regarding the 2023 – 2024 Competition Season

In an effort to allocate resources to the SFCA's upcoming Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture programming this June, gallery space and financial resources typically earmarked for our student programming needed to be shifted into other high priority areas this competition season. Rest assured, we expect Scholastic programming to resume as normal during the 2024 – 2025 season. We appreciate your understanding.

# Differences Between Past Programming

## **Previous Competition Seasons**

- The SFCA covers ALL entry fees for Hawai'i students participating in the Scholastic Art Awards
- The Hawai'i regional exhibition displays silver key and gold key award-winning works
- The award ceremony recognizes silver key and gold key award-winning student artists
- SFCA provides one day air travel to silver key and gold key award-winning students from neighbor islands to attend award ceremony

## **The 2023 – 2024 Competition Season**

- The SFCA will only cover entry fees for students from Hawai'i public and charter schools
- The Hawai'i regional exhibition will only display gold key award-winning works
- The award ceremony will only recognize gold key award-winning student artists
- SFCA will only provide one day air travel to gold key award-winning students from neighbor islands from public Hawai'i public and charter schools

# Resources

- The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards website
  - Artandwriting.org
- SFCA Project Manager Kamakani Konia
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