



New York State Art Teachers Association

## *Legislative Student Art Exhibit*

### **Announcing the 36th Annual Legislative Student Art Exhibition**

**Virtual Exhibit Preview: March 2026, Celebrating Youth Art Month**

**In-Person Exhibit Dates: May 15-22, 2026**

**Legislative Office Building, Terrace Level, Albany NY**

**Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM-6 PM; Wednesday 9 AM-2 PM**

**Opening Reception: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 11 AM-2 PM**

**Ceremony: Wednesday, May 20, 2025, 12:30 AM-1:15 PM**

**Art Teachers and Invited Guests may schedule "Meet & Greets" with Legislators during the Opening Reception 11:00 AM-12:15 PM or 1:20 PM-2:00 PM**

*Artwork in the Virtual Exhibit is a preview of the artwork that will be on display at the LOB, May 2025. A \$25 fee assists with the costs of printing, reception and return shipping.*

#### **Registration: SUBMISSION DEADLINE March 20, 2026**

All participants must register at [www.nysata.org/legislative-exhibit](http://www.nysata.org/legislative-exhibit). Payments may be made on-line by credit card or mailed in the form of a check or school purchase order. Registrations are considered complete when payment or PO is received.

#### **Artwork must be received by April 10, 2026**

**Eligibility:** Open to all students of NYSATA members in grades K-12

**Membership:** Participating art educators must be members of NYSATA to submit artwork. Current members log in with member ID and password to access registration. Join or Renew Online NOW!

**Registration Fee:** \$25 per teacher for up to two works. District Members receive a 20% discounted rate, automatically applied upon log in. For questions about District Membership, contact [districtmembership@nysata.org](mailto:districtmembership@nysata.org) Send PO or check to: NYSATA, 9200 Sixty Road, Phoenix, NY 13135

**Waivers:** Volunteers registered for Registration Review, Hanging, Dismantling and/or assisting with the Opening reception, will have the \$25 Registration Fee waived. Please contact [legex@nysata.org](mailto:legex@nysata.org) to volunteer for this exhibit!

**Labels:** Labels will be generated with your on-line receipt or a template may be downloaded from the NYSATA website. Please print on white paper and glue the 2"x3" identification label to the front lower right corner of each mat.

**Submissions:** Submissions are limited to two (2) works per teacher. Artworks must be two dimensional, weigh less than one pound each, and no larger than 26"x31" *including the mat or mounting. The 2"x3" printed identification label must be glued to the front right lower corner of each entry.*

**Presentation:** Mat or mount work on lightweight mat, bristol board or heavyweight paper. Artwork will be hung with Command Poster Strips, therefore each artwork must weigh less than one pound. *Please note: Canvas and canvas boards are too heavy and not accepted unless 5lb. Command Strips are included with the artwork.*

**Shipping: Deadline for Package Contents is April 10, 2026.**

**WE ARE STILL CONFIRMING STORAGE OF WORK. SHIPPING ADDRESS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NYSATA SITE AND EMAILED TO REGISTRANTS AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.**

**Shipping: Use a strong, clean, reusable box** in which artwork is secure and can easily be removed for review and repacked for return. Print District & City name on the bottom left corner of the carton, along with number of artworks submitted. Include in the box Registration Paperwork and a return address label on 8.5"x11" paper.

**Packing:** Ensure the good condition of artwork submitted by packing artwork in sleeves, folders or lightweight packing materials, such as bubble wrap or crumpled newsprint.

**Dismantling of the Exhibit: May 22, 2026**

**Return of Work:** Return shipping of all artwork is through USPS Priority Mail.

For accountability, no artwork is to be removed from the exhibit by students and/or guests.

**Return Shipping: May 22-28, 2026**

**Don't know your Senator or Assembly Member?**

Try visiting <http://www.nysenate.gov/senators> <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>

Enter the address of your student (preferred) or school (may be different than the student's legislator, if your school district encompasses more than one congressional district).

**Reproduction of Student Artwork and Publication:** All student artwork will be run as a slide presentation during the Exhibit Ceremony. Two student artworks have the honor of being selected for publication as the exhibit postcard and brochure for the following year. NYSATA has Release Forms available for schools/school districts that do not have release forms already in place for the school year.

**Registration Review Committee:** A committee reviews all registrations and verifies that individual artwork is 26"x31" or smaller, is under one pound, is mounted on proper matting material for hanging and that all registration fees have been paid in full. Artwork must also be in good condition not damaged by improper packing by the sender or damaged by the shipping company. All artwork that is in good condition and meets the submission and presentation requirements, will be accepted into the show.

**Questions?** Contact [legex@nysata.org](mailto:legex@nysata.org)