

# The Young Creators Exhibition



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## About

The Young Creators Exhibition celebrates young artists in our community by providing an opportunity for Kindergarten–6th grade students to showcase their work at the Iowa Arts Festival on June 6, 2026.

- Open to Kindergarten–6th grade students in the local community
- One submission per student
- Individual submissions only

## Prompt (Choose One)

Show what community means to you (people, places, traditions, or moments)

OR

Create artwork about something that makes you feel creative, curious, or inspired

## Exhibition & Awards

- All selected artwork will be displayed at Arts Fest on June 6, 2026
- One winner and one runner-up per grade level
- Winners receive a certificate and ribbon
- Runner-ups receive a certificate

## Artwork Guidelines

- 2D artwork only (drawing, painting, collage, etc.)
- Maximum size: 8.5 x 11 inches
- Mounting on cardstock or mat board recommended (max size with mat: 9.5 x 12 inches)
- Student name and grade must be written on the back

## Submission Details:

- Complete the online submission form before drop-off
- Drop off artwork by **May 20, 2026**. *Artwork must be picked up after Arts Fest at Willowwind School*
- Drop off locations:
  - Willowwind School (M-F 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM) 950 Dover St., Iowa City, IA 52245
  - Summer of the Arts (M-F 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM) 319 E. 1st Street, Iowa City, IA 52240
- Submissions accepted on a first-come, first-served basis (capacity limits apply)

## Judging

- Judged by a panel of 3 (Willowwind, Summer of the Arts, community member)
- Blind judging (name/school not shown)
- Criteria: creative expression, engagement with prompt, effort, originality

## Important Dates

- Submissions open: April 20, 2026
- Deadline: May 20, 2026
- Judging: May 25–29
- Winners announced: June 1
- Exhibition: June 6