



12th Annual Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition February 21 – March 12, 2023

**The exhibition will be in-person, but if circumstances change,
it will become a virtual exhibition.**

Don't miss the chance to be recognized in Delaware for your creativity. Enter your artwork in [The Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition](#). Sponsored by [The National Arts Program®](#) in support and cooperation with the Delaware Division of the Arts, the exhibit is judged by professional artists and visual art professionals in Amateur, Intermediate, Professional, Teen, and Youth classifications, and it is **free to all**. The Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition is designed to give artists at all skill levels a unique opportunity to exhibit their creative work and to compete for **cash prizes**. Contact Dana Wise at the Division of the Arts, 302-577-8279, with any questions.

Eligibility

- Participants must be a current, benefit-eligible employee, or immediate family member of a current, benefit-eligible employee (spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild), of the State of Delaware. (Participating Group Members are also eligible.)
- All entries must be the **original** work of the applicant **completed within the last three years**. **Not accepted:** Kits; paint-by-number pieces; photocopies or photographs of artwork; magazine or book illustrations; low resolution photographs and snapshots; artwork entered in previous years.
- The National Arts Program® and the Delaware Division of the Arts reserve the right to disqualify entries they consider to be unacceptable or inappropriate for a public exhibition.
- Limit **one** artwork per registered artist, no exceptions.

Medium Categories

- Painting (oil, acrylics)
- Works on Paper (watercolor, pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, marker, crayon, digital, or reproductions of your original work)
- Photography (black & white, color)
- Sculpture
- Craft (Ceramics, glasswork, jewelry, woodcarving, fiber, etc.)
- Mixed Media (visual art with more than one medium)

Artwork will be judged in the classification of the artist's selection. However, in some cases, the exhibition judges will make the final determination.

Artist Categories

Adult

Amateur—a person with little or no experience

Intermediate—a person with some experience/training

Professional—a person with advanced art training, or employed in an art-related job

Youth/Teen

Youth—12 years and younger, **Teen**—13-18 years old

Preparing Entries

- Submit only entries that fit into the listed medium categories
- Prepare an image of your artwork to submit as part of the registration process. For tips, view the **Artwork Submission Guidelines for Virtual Exhibition** video at arts.delaware.gov/national-arts-program/
- All work (excluding textiles) must measure no more than **40 inches** in any direction

Registering Entries

There are two steps to registering entries in the exhibition:

- 1) **Register** online at [National Arts Program](https://NationalArtsProgram.org)
- 2) **Email** an image (JPG, PNG, or TIFF) of your work to delarts@delaware.gov
 - Type 'NAP Entry' in subject line
 - Include artist name, artist category, and title of work
 - Entries should receive an email confirmation receipt within 3-5 working days. If none is received, contact [Dana Wise](mailto:Dana.Wise@delaware.gov)

Delivering Entries:

All entries must be hand delivered to:

Arts Center/Gallery -- Delaware State University
1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901 (302.857.6697)

Drop-off: February 6-11, 2023

Mon, Tues: 9:00am – 4:00pm; Wed, Thurs: 9:00am – 6:00pm
Sat: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Picking up Entries:

All entries must be picked up at the Arts Center/Gallery (DSU)

Pick-up: March 13-18, 2023

Mon, Tues: 9:00am – 4:00pm; Wed, Thurs 9:00 – 6:00pm; Sat 12:00pm – 4:00pm
(artwork not picked up during this time may be donated)

Important Dates

Registration Opens – December 12

Registration Closes – January 20

Exhibit Dates – February 21-March 12

People's Choice Voting – February 21-March 10 (closes at 12pm)

Celebration/Reception – March 11-12

For more information and links visit arts.delaware.gov/national-arts-program/