

# ART 20

## UNDER

### High School Exhibit and Competition

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Southwest Florida's leading High School exhibit and competition.  
Participation in Art Under 20 is a stepping stone to a bright future in the arts!

- Art Under 20 is hosted at ArtFest Fort Myers
- Students will gain experience at a high-exposure venue
- Students show their art in a professional setting
- Training available for proper artwork photography
- Students will be exposed to a larger national audience in the online gallery
- Art Under 20 raises art's educational importance in the community.
- This competition builds art college portfolios and encourages art education.

#### Timeline

- **Entry Deadline:** December 8, 2023
- **Photo Deadline:** January 9, 2024
- **Entry Fee:** \$10 per student and one art piece per student
- **Categories Include:** Digital • Drawing • Painting • Photography • 3D • Mixed Media • Recycled Materials
- **Eligibility:** All Lee County public, private and homeschooled High School students are encouraged to enter the Art Under 20 High School Exhibit and Competition.

#### Application Instructions

- The application for Art Under 20 is available online at [ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20](https://ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20)
- Students will submit their entry form and pay the entry fee online  
If a student is unable to complete an entry form online, please contact Annie Crouch.
- All entry forms are due December 8, 2023.
- Students will receive an email confirmation by January 9, 2024.
- Students are also encouraged to upload a photo of their artwork for the Online Gallery.
- Images are to be uploaded by January 9, 2024.

#### Awards Totalling \$10,000

- \$900 Best of Show
- \$300 First Place in 6 Categories
- \$200 Second Place in 6 Categories
- \$100 Third Place in 6 Categories
- Fewster Family Awards - Five \$500 awards
- Fewster Family Recycled Materials Awards - \$500 First Place, \$300 Second Place, \$200 Third Place
- \$500 Ikki Matsumoto Award
- \$300 Equity Award - artwork that portrays diversity, equity & Inclusion - two awards
- \$300 People's Choice Award
- \$50 Honorable Mention - Twelve awards

More information at [ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20/](https://ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20/) or call us at (239) 768-3602



### 2023 Art Under 20 Details



#### Entry Procedures

**Entry Deadline** December 8, 2023

Entry forms are available at [ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20](https://ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20)

If a student is unable to apply online please contact Annie.Crouch@ArtFestFortMyers.com or call us at 239-768-3602.

Each student needs to submit an entry form signed by student and parent or guardian along with \$10 entry fee

**No late entries or substitutions will be accepted.**

**Only students who receive a confirmation email will be entered in the Exhibit and Competition and be eligible to display their artwork.**

#### Image Upload Deadline January 9, 2024

Each student is encouraged to upload an image of their artwork. The upload link will be in the email confirmation students receive and at [ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20](https://ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20).

#### Award Reception

The Art Under 20 Award Reception, honoring all winning students, will be held in March. Gallery space will be provided for students to display their award-winning artwork.

- Award winners are welcome to bring family, friends and teachers
- Beverages and snacks will be provided
- Suncoast Credit Union will present award checks



**Please contact us for any support you or your students may need.**

We love to help!

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ArtFest Fort Myers provides a 30' x 75' professional gallery tent equipped with artist quality propanels and pedestals for the Art Under 20 High School Exhibit & Competition.

Two professional festival artists will judge the Art Under 20 High School Exhibit & Competition Friday evening, February 2 and ribbons will be installed on Saturday morning, February 3.

Artwork must be delivered on your school's scheduled day, either Thursday, February 1 or Friday, February 2 between 1:00pm -4:00pm to the Art Under 20 tent.

All 2D art **MUST** be framed and ready to hang, waterproofed with no unattached pieces. Artwork that is not ready to hang will not be accepted and no refunds will be issued.

All Artwork **MUST** be labeled with the student's name and school's name on the back or inside of the artwork.

A professional exhibit team will be on-site to display all student work on sturdy panels or tables. Students and teachers cannot install their own artwork.



**2023 Best of Show**  
**Ava Williams**  
North Fort Myers High School



### Liability & Security

ArtFest Fort Myers will provide overnight security (city police and private security force) on the festival site Thursday, February 1 through Sunday, February 4. However, ArtFest Fort Myers, Inc., the volunteers, the City of Fort Myers, Suncoast Credit Union, any other sponsoring organizations, any other duty appointed representatives and the employees, agents, officers of each are not responsible for loss or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the festival.

In consideration of ArtFest Fort Myers' display of the student's work, the students, parent or guardians, and the School District release and forever discharge the above-named groups and individuals from any personal liability or responsibility. We (student and parent/guardian) agree to allow them use of images of me and my artwork for the purpose of promoting ArtFest Fort Myers and Art Under 20 this year and in future years.

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### Rules of Entry:

- Submit entry form and entry fee \$10 online at **ArtFestFortMyers.com/au20**.
- All public, private, and homeschooled high school students in Lee County are encouraged to enter.
- **ONE** entry per student is allowed in the Art Under 20 High School Exhibit and competition.
- All artwork submitted must be original and produced exclusively by the student submitting the artwork. **No parent-assisted or teacher-assisted artwork is allowed.**
- Categories: Digital, Drawing, Painting, Photography, 3-Dimensional, Mixed Media, Recycle Materials
- All two-dimensional works must be **FRAMED** and must be ready to hang. This means there must be a **HANGING WIRE** on the back, which will support the weight of the work. A hook will be provided by ArtFest Fort Myers to secure the work to the display wall. **Work without a hanging wire will not be accepted and no refund will be issued.**
- Label all work with student's name and school name (on the back or inside). **If there is no name on the artwork when it enters the Art Under 20 tent it will not be accepted.**
- All artwork must be secure with no loose, unattached, or hanging components.
- The criteria for judging will be: originality, creativity, craftsmanship, technique, and execution.
- All art will be judged on Friday, February 2 and ribbons will be installed on Saturday, February 3. Cash awards totaling \$10,000 will be awarded. The decision of the judges is final.
- Release and acknowledgment forms (one per student) **must be received by ArtFest Fort Myers no later than December 8, 2023**, and signed by the student & the student's parent or guardian.
- A confirmation email will be sent to the email address listed on the entry form, acknowledging receipt of your entry form. If you do not receive an email confirmation by January 9, 2024, you are not entered into the Art Under 20 High School Exhibit and Competition and will not be able to display your art in the Art Under 20 tent. **Entry forms are not transferable between students.**
- ArtFest Fort Myers will take great care with each piece of art; however, they cannot be responsible for damage or theft while the art is displayed. Overall festival security will be provided overnight and while the event is open, during the day.
- Pick up of the artwork will be Sunday, February 4, between 3:00pm and 5:00pm. Teachers or students with a picture I.D. may collect their art. We request that a designated school person be present at 5:00p to collect all leftover work. **ArtFest Fort Myers shall not be responsible for artwork not collected by 5:00pm.**
- This is an outdoor event. **We encourage students to waterproof their artwork** as humidity can and will adversely affect unprotected work.
- Violation of any of the rules may result in the revoking of any award granted by Art Under 20.
- The Art Under 20 Tent is closed to the public at 5:00pm Friday and Saturday.
- **Artwork must be delivered on your school's scheduled day, either Thursday, February 1 or Friday, February 2 between 1:00pm -4:00pm to Art Under 20 area.** ArtFest Fort Myers is located on Edwards Drive, along the riverfront, in downtown Fort Myers. Art Under 20 is located at the intersection of Heitman Street and Edwards Drive. Access from entrance at Bay Street and Heitman Street.