

## YoungArts 2025 Application Requirements

# Visual Arts

**Please follow the requirements related to your discipline/category as closely as possible. Failure to comply with the requirements may make your application ineligible for an award.**

## Application Requirements

The portfolio should demonstrate original thinking and a willingness to take creative risks. You are urged to submit work you feel best represents your personal creative interests and your artistic voice. Keep in mind that your application is being judged as a whole and judges are looking at both technical rigor and creative execution of an idea. This includes all 10 images as well as your written section.

- Portfolio must include **a total of 10 images that represent eight (8) to ten (10) of your best works** from the last two years. The majority of the portfolio should explore a cohesive idea, technique, or theme. If submitting eight (8) works, the two additional images can be detail shots of a section of a work that is difficult to view in an image in its entirety.
  - Optional: For those submitting video stills/documentation of performance piece: A 30-60-second video with audio may be uploaded. This video is not meant for you to explain or express your answers to the written questions. Do not include your name or any other identifying information.
- **Written section:** (100-250 words each)
  - **Question 1:** Describe your point of view as an artist and what motivates you to create.
  - **Question 2:** Describe in detail your process and material choices. Reference specific works in your portfolio.
  - **Question 3:** Explain the selections in your portfolio; why you choose these works; what their relationship to each other is and to you as an artist.

**Note:** If you are selected as a winner with distinction and attend National YoungArts Week, your work is shown in an exhibition. The curator will select a work(s) from your portfolio submission.

## Media Submission Guidelines

- Do not place your name, a watermark, or any identifying information in or on your media submissions.
- Submit work that has been created within the last two years.

## Technical Specifications

Photographing Images:

- Set camera for "fine" or "extra fine" resolution, not "web" or "normal"
- Use a 6+ megapixel camera that has a high resolution setting.