



2025-2026
YAM BOOK

A Guide to Youth Art Month Activities

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2025 Flag Design Contest Winner**

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August • **District Representatives**, [Register here](#) for txEDCON (TASA/TASB) August 4, 2025 - September 1, 2025

• **District Representatives**, Upload [high resolution images of artwork](#) and [digitally completed permission form](#) to the txEDCON (TASA/TASB) dashboard (No artwork will be mailed)
September • TASA/TASB Convention September 11-14, 2025 - George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX (Registered attendees only)

• **District Representatives**, [Register here](#) for the YAM Spring Exhibition November 3, 2025 - December 5, 2025.

November • **District Representatives and Teachers** Attend the YAM Meeting at the TAEA Conference at Kalahari Resorts in Round Rock on November 22, 2025 at 7 A.M.
• **Teachers**, plan a lesson for the [YAM Flag Design Contest](#) Theme: **The World Needs Art**

December • **Teachers**, please visit the [YAM Flag Dashboard](#) to upload ONE Flag Design Image & signed Artwork Permission Form by Friday, December 12, 2025.

• **District Representatives**, select your district's YAM Spring Exhibition artwork. Be sure to include 2D and 3D artwork. ([see guidelines here](#))
• **District Representatives**, Register your YAM Spring Exhibition entries and upload [high resolution images of artwork](#) and [digitally completed forms](#) to the YAM Spring Exhibition dashboard by December 5, 2025.



District Representatives should be the only ones mailing in artwork. If more than one piece is selected to represent your district, they will all be mailed by the District Representative in one box.

- 2D media will need to be shipped in one box.
- 3D media will need to be shipped separately.

Please do not mail any physical artwork until you are contacted in January with a list of artwork to mail.



MONTH AT A GLANCE

YAM Activities/Due Dates

January

- **Teachers**, [Request Proclamations](#) from the school principal, superintendent, mayor and local elected officials.
- **District Representatives**, mail selected artwork to **Brittany Siciacca, 1 Leopard Lane, Lorena, TX 76655** no later than **January 15, 2026**. Please reference the [2D and 3D artwork shipping guidelines](#).

February

- Finalize district plans for YAM art shows, exhibits and other art advocacy celebrations.

March

- Celebrate Youth Art Month! [Click Here for more information!](#)
- Participate in [Big Art Day](#).
- Attend the YAM Spring Exhibition (**invitation only**) Bullock Texas State History Museum - **March 29, 2026** (artwork on display March 1 - 29, 2026)
- YAM Scrapbook submission window opens on or before **March 13, 2026**. [Click here for more information!](#)

April

- **Teachers**, save artwork for the 2026 txEDCON (TASA/TASB) Art Exhibit taking place October 8-11, 2026 at George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, TX. (Registered attendees only)
- Continue working on your YAM Scrapbook due **June 12, 2026**. [Click here for more information!](#)

May

- Continue working on your YAM Scrapbook Report due **June 12, 2026** [Click here for more information!](#)

June

- Submit your YAM scrapbook report to the dashboard on the TAEA website.
[Click here for information on how to submit your report!](#)
- Selected teachers and district representatives attend the [Governor's Gallery Reception](#) **Date: TBD**



About Youth Art Month

WHAT?

TAEA sponsors a number of programs celebrating art during the month of March,

- Exhibit of artwork in the Texas Association of School Administrators/Texas Association of School Boards (TASA/TASB) txEDCON, with student art demos
- Texas Flag Design Contest
- Exhibit of artwork during the month of March and more!

WHY?

Youth Art Month (YAM) is an annual observance held each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs.

WHEN?

MARCH IS YOUTH ART MONTH!

HOW?

- **District Representatives**
Register artwork for the txEDCON (TASA/TASB) Exhibit and YAM Spring Exhibition
- **Teachers** submit Texas YAM Flag Designs
- Submit a digital Scrapbook of YAM Celebrations throughout the year!

CLICK HERE



**to read more about
Youth Art Month!**



txEDCON (TASA/TASB) & YAM Spring Exhibition Rules & Guidelines



Please note that
District of Distinction
has different
requirements. Click for
more information.

ENTRY FEE:
\$12 PER PIECE

Entries allowed based on district size:

Over 25,000 students: 8 entries: \$96.00

10,000 to 25,000 students: 6 entries: \$72.00

Less than 10,000 students: 3 entries: \$36.00

Entry Guidelines:

- Current TAEA Member Teachers may submit **ONE** piece of artwork
(registration, [high quality artwork images](#) and [digitally completed permission form uploaded](#) by District Representative only)
- Students in grades PK-12 may participate
- 2D & 3D artwork accepted

txEDCON ONLY ([digitally uploaded high quality artwork images only](#) physical artwork will NOT be mailed)

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FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON THE
RULES AND GUIDELINES

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

AUGUST 4 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

Online Registration Guidelines:

District Representatives

(usually a Fine Arts Director)

- Register student entries on the [txEDCON \(TASA/TASB\) dashboard](#).
- Upload [high quality artwork images](#) and [digitally completed permission forms](#).
- Complete **ALL** registration requirements by the deadline prevent disqualification.

(any incomplete registrations, missing artwork images and/or permission forms, or inappropriate subject matter will result in a disqualification and will still be required to be paid).

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TO ACCESS THE
ARTWORK DIGITAL
SUBMISSION VIDEO

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HOW TO DIGITALLY
COMPLETE
PERMISSION FORM
VIDEO

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Youth Art Month Flag Design

2025-2026 Theme:

The World Needs Art

Annually, during the month of March, student designed flags from every state are displayed at the National Art Education Association Conference and honored during the NAEA Flag Ceremony. TAEA Member Teachers are encouraged to submit ONE design that will be juried to select the winning entry which will be made into a flag to become the face of Texas Youth Art Month. The TAEA YAM Flag will be displayed along with past winners at the YAM Spring Exhibition!

Entry Guidelines:

Only **ONE entry** per TAEA member is allowed. If you teach at multiple campuses, you can submit one entry per campus.

The design must incorporate the theme **“The World Needs Art”** and be representative of the State of Texas.

Students should include Texas imagery in the design and include the words “Youth Art Month” or “YAM” if possible.

Artwork can be created on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper with unlimited colors!

Students in Pre-K-12th Grade are eligible to participate!

Sample Flag Lesson Plan

Upload ONE high quality Flag Design Image and signed, digitally completed Artwork Permission Form to the YAM Flag Dashboard by Friday, December 12, 2025.

The winning entry will be announced January 2026 after all entries are juried!



to see previous YAM
Flag Winners



YAM Spring Exhibition Registration and Artwork Submission

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

NOVEMBER 3, 2025 – DECEMBER 5, 2025

Online Registration Guidelines:

District Representatives
(usually a Fine Arts Director)

- Register student entries on the [YAM Spring Exhibition dashboard](#)
- Upload [high quality artwork images](#) and [digitally completed permission forms](#) for each entry
- Complete **ALL** registration requirements by the deadline prevent disqualification.

(any incomplete registrations, missing artwork images and/or forms, or inappropriate subject matter will result in a disqualification and will still be required to be paid).

After artwork has been juried,
only the District Representative
will be notified to mail the selected physical artworks to:

Brittany Sciacca, TAEA YAM VP
1 Leopard Lane
Lorena, TX 76655

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ARTWORK DIGITAL
SUBMISSION VIDEO

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VIDEO

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GUIDELINES

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TO DOWNLOAD THE
PREPARATION
INSTRUCTIONS



Upload CHS Flag Design and TAEA Member Teacher with a signed Artwork Preparation Form (PA) for the [TAEA Spring Exhibition](#)

THIS IS WHAT YOUR ARTWORK SHOULD LOOK LIKE FOR THE TAEA SPRING EXHIBITION

FRONT - 2D Artwork

- FRONT ON BACK (18" x 24" (actual))
- Work must be mounted on a white or black mat (2"-3" max)
- Work must be mounted on a loose cover sheet (DO NOT TAPE)
- Work must be mounted on a poster board box
- Work must be mounted on a loose cover sheet (DO NOT TAPE)

2D artwork example

BACK - 2D Artwork

- Work being exhibited on the back of the artwork must be mounted on a loose cover sheet (DO NOT TAPE)
- Work being exhibited on the back of the artwork must be mounted on a poster board box
- Work must be mounted on a loose cover sheet (DO NOT TAPE)

2D media selected must:

- NOT exceed 18" x 24"
(including 2"-3" mat)
- have a white or black mat (2"-3" max)
- be light enough to hang with Velcro dots
- fit in a poster board box
- include a LOOSE cover sheet.

Please do NOT tape any coversheets to the artwork.



3D media selected must:

- fit into a 6"x12"x12" box
- weigh no more than 12 lbs.

If there are loose elements to the 3D media such as sand, pebbles, etc. ease package those items in a Ziploc bag and include in your box.

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TO ACCESS THE ARTWORK
PREPARATION AND SHIPPING
INSTRUCTIONS



Governor's Gallery



Every year, the First Lady of Texas, Mrs. Cecilia Abbott, visits the Spring Exhibition and selects artwork to be featured in the Governor's Gallery! This is a great honor because the selected artists will have their work on display for an entire year!

Artist who receive this honor will also be recognized at a private ceremony in the summer at the Governor's Mansion, where they can see all of the selected pieces of art as well as tour the rooms with docents to share historical information. It is truly a great experience!



CLICK HERE

TO VIEW THE
GOVERNOR'S GALLERY!



Requesting Proclamations for Youth Art Month

STEP 1

Write a letter to your local officials and include the proclamation form linked below!

STEP 2

Submit a Youth Art Month appearance request for your event! The Mayor's or Governor's secretary will probably contact you regarding this matter.

STEP 3

Call your local official's office to follow up one week after the letter and appearance requests are sent.

STEP 4

Pick up the approved proclamation with the mayor's/governor's signature and duplicate for distribution!

The Board of Education will usually add the request to the agenda, and public officials are usually eager to participate in Youth Art Month if you will just ask them!

[CLICK HERE](#)



**TO ACCESS AND
DOWNLOAD THE
PROCLAMATION FORM**



Big Art Day

Thursday, March 5, 2026

Big Art Day is a statewide art event to raise awareness of art education and the positive effect art has on our communities!

It is an attempt by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) to engage all art educators, their students and communities in a single day art event!

This event is for members and by members!

Read more about Big Art Day [here](#)!



[CLICK HERE](#)

TO REGISTER YOUR BIG
ART DAY EVENT!



[CLICK HERE](#)

FOR BIG ART DAY
CELEBRATION IDEAS!





Youth Art Month Celebration Ideas

1. Have a Family Art Night!
2. Celebrate Big Art Day!
3. Paint faces at lunch!
4. Organize a “March for Art” school parade where students dress up as their favorite artist or work of art!
5. Invite local artists to conduct demos for your students!
6. Have district art shows!
7. Partner with schools within your district to create collaborative artwork!
8. Request a proclamation!

Document and save all YAM activities and events photo and information to later submit for the YAM Scrapbook Report!

When you are sharing your Youth Art Month Celebrations via social media, please tag TAEA at:

X- @Txarted or @TexasYAM
FB - @TexasArtEducationAssociation
IG - @txarted

[CLICK HERE](#)



FOR MORE YOUTH ART MONTH CELEBRATION IDEAS!



CLICK HERE 

TO SUBMIT YOUR YAM
SCRAPBOOK REPORT

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TO VIEW THE YAM
REPORT & DIGITAL
SCRAPBOOK GUIDELINES

YAM Scrapbook Report

**SUBMISSION WINDOW OPENS:
ON OR BEFORE MARCH 13, 2026**

**SUBMISSIONS DUE:
JUNE 12, 2026**

01

Who can submit
a YAM scrapbook
report?

A summary report of your Youth Art Month activities should be submitted to the VP YAM by one of the following:
Local YAM chairpersons
Area Art Education Association YAM chairpersons
Art Educators in school districts that do not have a designated YAM chairperson
Individual schools that promote YAM activities

The ELECTRONICALLY submitted local report should include:

- The enclosed written summary report.
- Listing of monetary and in kind donations.
- Innovative ideas to bring awareness to the community about YAM.
- Copies of your scrapbook, documentation of photographs, news clippings, posters, printed programs, proclamations, and/or endorsements.
- Evidence of increased support for art education in the local area.

02

What should my
report include?

03

Important
Reminders!



All local reports will be organized into a state report (or scrapbook) for the National YAM organization. Please use the online form when submitting your report ELECTRONICALLY.

Award(s) of Excellence will be presented to at least one local YAM chairperson at the TAEA Conference! Selection will be based on the extensiveness of YAM activities as well as thoroughness of the report.



Artwork Permission Form



Please note: Our system auto populates student letters, certificates, artwork labels, etc. based on what is entered into the system! We want our student artist's information to be accurate, so **ALL forms MUST be filled out digitally and NOT handwritten!** Incorrect information will be printed as entered.

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PERMISSION FORM IN
ENGLISH**

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PERMISSION FORM IN
SPANISH**

STUDENT ARTWORK PERMISSION FORM		TEXEDCON
TAA/TAGB Convention Teacher Artwork Exhibition YAM Spring Gathering		TEXEDCON
<p>I agree to allow my art to be part of the Texas Art Education Association's exhibit. In doing so, I release TAA and its agents from any and all liability for damage or loss of my artwork. I also agree to allow my artwork to be reproduced in any form for use in publications, for educational, non-profit, visual art publications and exhibitions, including TAA's online gallery and Texas Education Agency (TEA) Districts.</p>		
District (Full Name)		Type of Artwork: <u>2D</u> <u>3D</u>
<p>Student Name _____ Grade _____</p> <p>Title of Artwork _____ Art Level Course _____</p> <p>Medium _____</p> <p>School (Full Name) _____</p> <p>School Address _____</p> <p>City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____</p> <p>Prefix _____ Teacher's Name _____ TAAEA # _____</p> <p>Teacher's Email _____</p> <p>Teacher's Home/Cell Phone _____</p> <p>Prefix _____ Principal's Name _____</p> <p>Principal's Email _____</p> <p>Prefix _____ Superintendent's Name _____</p> <p>Superintendent's Email _____</p> <p>Superintendent's Address _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>Student Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Parent Name _____</p> <p>Parent Signature (Required if student is under 18) _____ Date _____</p> <p>Parent Email _____</p> <p>Student Address _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>Parent Home/Cell Phone _____</p>		
<p>Please note all forms MUST be filled out digitally and NOT handwritten. If the parent is unable to sign the form in person or electronically, please print out the digitally completed form, have them sign it, then scan it once it is completed!</p>		

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TO VIEW A HOW-TO VIDEO ON FILLING OUT FORMS DIGITALLY



Youth Art Month Contact Information

Youth Art Month VP

Brittany Sciacca



Email Address:

brittanysciacca@lorenaisd.net



District

Representatives:

**Please do not mail any
physical artwork
until you are contacted
in January
with a list of artwork
to mail.**

Shipping Address:

Brittany Sciacca, YAM VP
1 Leopard Lane
Lorena, TX 76655

Youth Art Month VP-elect

Latonya Gunter



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