



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

September

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

November

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

WHEN?

**MARCH IS
YOUTH ART
MONTH!**

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.

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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INFORMATION ON THE
RULES AND GUIDELINES



txEDCON (TASA/TASB) Registration & Artwork Submission

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!

CLICK HERE



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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TO ACCESS THE
ARTWORK DIGITAL
SUBMISSION VIDEO

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HOW TO DIGITALLY
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PERMISSION FORM
VIDEO

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ON THE RULES AND
GUIDELINES

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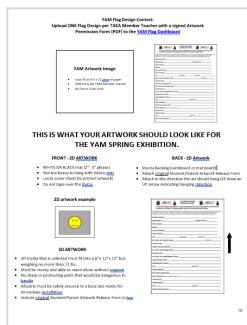


Spring Exhibition Artwork Preparation

CLICK HERE



TO DOWNLOAD THE
PREPARATION
INSTRUCTIONS



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!**



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**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!



YAM Scrapbook Report

CLICK HERE



TO SUBMIT YOUR YAM
SCRAPBOOK REPORT

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

CLICK HERE



TO VIEW THE YAM
REPORT & DIGITAL
SCRAPBOOK GUIDELINES

**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

TAEA **TEXAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** **STUDENT ARTWORK PERMISSION FORM** **TEXAS** **TEXAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** **YOUTH ART MONTH FLAG DESIGN** **2024 Spring Exhibition**

I agree to allow my art to be part of the Texas Art Education Association's website, in doing so, I release TAEA and its agents from any and all responsibility in the event of loss or damage to my artwork. I agree to allow my art to be displayed, photographed and/or published for educational, non-profit, visual art exhibitions and publications, including TAEA's online gallery and Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) District (if all Name) _____ Type of Artwork: ☐ 2D ☐ 3D

Student Name _____ Grade _____
Title of artwork _____ Art Level/ Course _____
Medium _____ Artwork Dimensions _____
School (if all Name) _____
School Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____
Prefix _____ Teacher's Name _____ TAEA # _____
Teacher's Email _____
Teacher's Home/Cell Phone _____
Prefix _____ Principal's Name _____
Principal's Email _____
Prefix _____ Superintendent's Name _____
Superintendent's Email _____
Superintendent's Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Student Signature _____ Date _____
Parent Name _____
Parent Signature (signed by Student's parent) _____ Date _____
Parent Email _____
Student Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Parent Home/Cell Phone _____

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!

TAEA **TEXAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** **FORMA DEL PERMISO DEL ESTUDIANTE de Arte** **TEXAS** **TEXAS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** **YOUTH ART MONTH FLAG DESIGN** **2024 Spring Exhibition**

Yo estoy de acuerdo en que mi obra de arte sea parte de la página web de la Asociación de Educación Artística de Texas (TAEA) y sus agentes, en lo que respecta a cualquier pérdida o daño a mi obra de arte. Yo estoy permitiendo que mi obra de arte sea exhibida, fotografiada y/o publicada para fines educativos, no comerciales, exhibiciones de arte visual y publicaciones, incluyendo la galería en línea de TAEA y la Asociación de Educación Artística de Texas (TAEA) Distrito (si es el caso) _____ Tipo de Obra de Arte: ☐ 2D ☐ 3D

Del Estudiante: _____ Tipo de Obra de Arte: ☐ 2D ☐ 3D

Nombre del Estudiante _____ Grado _____
Nombre de las Escuelas _____ Nivel de arte _____
Del trabajo de arte _____ Dimensiones de la Obra de Arte _____
Nombre de la Escuela _____
Dirección de la Escuela _____
Ciudad _____ Código Postal _____ Teléfono # _____
Nombre de la Maestra/Maestro _____ TAEA # _____
Correo electrónico del Maestro/Maestro _____
Teléfono de la Maestra/Maestro _____
Nombre del Director de Escuela _____
Correo electrónico del Director de Escuela _____
Nombre del Superintendente _____
Correo electrónico del Superintendente _____
Dirección del Superintendente _____
Ciudad _____ Código Postal _____
Firma del Estudiante _____ Fecha _____
Nombre de los Padres (imprimir por favor) _____
Firma de los Padres (imprimir o escanear de digital) _____ Fecha _____
Correo electrónico de los Padres _____
Dirección del Estudiante _____
Ciudad _____ Código Postal _____
Teléfono de los Padres _____

Tenga en cuenta que todos los formularios DEBEN completarse digitalmente y NO escritos a mano. Si el padre no puede firmar el formulario en persona o electrónicamente, imprima el formulario, complételo digitalmente, pídalo que lo firmen y luego escanéalo una vez que está completo.

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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

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