



Rules and Guidelines

TASA/TASB and YAM Spring Exhibition



Entry Fee: Each entry will be assessed a fee at **\$12 per piece**. This fee helps to cover the cost of printing and returning artwork, mailing notifications and printing programs and certificates.

All entries allotted will be based on the total number of enrolled students in your organization (Districts, Private Schools, Independent, Charter Schools, and Art Facilitators).

Throughout the rest of this document, the terminology of DISTRICT will refer to the organization as an entity and not necessarily an independent school district (ISD).

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR TAEA SPONSORED EXHIBITS.

*Online registration: August 4, 2025 -- September 1, 2025 for txEDCON (TASA/TASB)
November 3, 2025 – December 5, 2025 for YAM Spring Exhibition*

Registration of all artwork is done by ONE RDISTRICT EPRESENTATIVE. If you are the representative for your district, please contact your colleagues so all artwork can be submitted together. After you have registered online, proofread ALL data entered. Check to make sure all names, addresses, and email address are entered correctly. Enter information using normal punctuation and capitalizations.

DO NOT USE ALL CAPS OR ALL LOWERCASE LETTERS WHEN ENTERING DATA. All artwork labels, mailing labels, certificates, and program contents are generated from the online entry typing.

Rules and Guidelines for Entries:

Over 25,000 students, 8 (eight) entries: \$96.00
10,000 to 25,000 students, 6 (six) entries: \$72.00
Less than 10,000 students, 3 (three) entries: \$36.00

Remember that participation in both YAM events is one of the many requirements for District of Distinction honors. Please note that YAM and DOD requirements are DIFFERENT. For specific questions and clarifications on District of Distinction, please visit www.taea.org.

Requirements:

- A teacher who is a current TAEA member may submit ONE artwork. Teachers who teach on more than one campus may submit one artwork from each campus.
- Students in grades Pre-K through 12 may participate.
- Individual entries only – **NO GROUP PROJECTS**
- 2D flat work (if work is selected for the Spring Exhibition, please fix charcoal and pastels)
- 3D media, if selected, will be shipped or dropped off to be displayed in person (Spring Exhibition only).
- 3D media that is selected must fit into a 6"x12"x12" box weighing no more than 12lbs.
- **Must be sturdy and able to stand alone without support.**
- **No sharp or protruding parts that would be dangerous to handle.**
- **All parts must be safely secured to a base and ready for immediate installation.**
- **NO WOOD or HEAVY CANVASES** – This artwork will not be hung as the display panels are made for lightweight work.
- **WHITE OR BLACK MAT ONLY**, no acetate, no frames or glass. Make sure all artwork is **securely matted** (no thinner than 2 inches, no wider than 3 inches please) with a **secure backing of cardboard or mat board.**
- Neat, high quality student work created within the calendar year should be sent.
- **NO COPY WORK or plagiarism. In keeping with the TEKS**, artwork must be original in thought, design, and execution. Copying or reproducing a published image is not original and will not be selected.
- Students' own photographs or student-directed photographs may be used as a source; **teacher's photographs should not be used.**

- Photographs that are painted or drawn over must be the student's original or student directed photograph, not one that has been published.
- Images should not be traced with the use of any projection device.
- **All entries must be created solely and exclusively by the student.**
- No one other than the artist of record may work directly on or manipulate any artwork entered in YAM or txEDCON; this includes parents, teachers/sponsors, private teachers, mentors, or other collaborators.
- **Artwork submitted for YAM or txEDCON may only be entered for one of these events.** If a work is shown, the same work may not be re-entered in the other event.
- Artwork content must be appropriate for the school, community and for young audiences.
- **Incomplete registrations (missing artwork images and/or forms) will be disqualified.**
- **Artwork with questionable content will be disqualified.**
- **Registrations not meeting these requirements will be disqualified and party registering is responsible for payment.**

LABELING (For YAM Spring Exhibition Only):

- **Use the student artwork permission form in this book, and on TAEA website.**
- **Do not use older versions of this form. Please fill in the form electronically.**
- **Make 2 copies of the completed student artwork permission form.** Attach the original to the artwork and keep one for your records.
- Ship all district entries in a sturdy, reusable box. **Please use the smallest box possible that is appropriate for the size of entries for storage purposes. A poster board box is ideal.**
- To prevent shipping damage, pack 2D artwork in a flat cardboard box. You can tape the large envelope securely to the box or place it inside the box.
- In a large envelope, place the following:
 - One copy of each complete student artwork permission form
 - District Artwork Inventory List
 - Thumbnail Images of all artwork submitted
- **For the Spring Exhibition, artworks that are selected will be mailed using specific instructions given to the District Representative by the YAM VP.**
- All artwork and forms will be uploaded to the dashboard on the TAEA website.
- After the deadline, the artworks will be juried and the selected pieces from each district will be notified so that the original artwork may be mailed to the YAM VP.

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District Representatives, when registering, please submit one high quality image of student work along with electronically completed Student Artwork Permission Form to the appropriate dashboard on the TAEA website for txEDCON (TASA/TASB) or YAM Spring Exhibition) by the deadline. Please ensure that all requirements have been met to prevent any disqualifications. All registrations, regardless of disqualification status, must be paid.

txEDCON (TASA/TASB) Exhibition Only: Artwork meeting all requirements (complete registration including artwork images and forms by the deadline, and appropriate content of artwork) will be printed, matted and labeled for display. Physical artwork will **NOT** be mailed. When submitting artwork images, see the 2D and 3D example in the YAM Book.