



CALL TO ARTISTS 8th Annual Arkansas High School Artists Competition & Exhibition

GRAND PRIZE
\$10,000 Scholarship to the
University of Arkansas School of Art



School of Art



UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS

Fulbright College
of Arts & Sciences

This event celebrates the talents of our state's young artists and is sponsored by Historic Cane Hill, Inc., and the University of Arkansas School of Art at Fayetteville.

Entry deadline: Sunday, October 4, 2026 NO ENTRY FEE

Competition Eligibility

The competition is open to all residents of Arkansas who are students in grades 10 through 12, including public, private, and home-schooled. Works in the medium of drawing, painting, etching, lithography, block-cut printing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, textile, collage, and mixed-media are eligible. Digital art will not be accepted. In order to be eligible for the Grand Prize Historic Cane Hill Young Artist Scholarship, seniors must submit 3 works and an artist's statement.

Awards

The competition's **Grand Prize** is the **Historic Cane Hill Young Artist Scholarship**, a one-year scholarship to the University of Arkansas School of Art in Fayetteville. The prize includes the cost of tuition and fees for full-time enrollment in the 2027-2028 academic year.* This is a partnership between the University of Arkansas School of Art through the Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences and Historic Cane Hill to provide Arkansas' young artists with the opportunity to pursue their work through higher education in the state. Additional **cash awards** will be distributed to other winning artists.

Award winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony and Opening Reception at 2:00 pm on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Historic Cane Hill.

Competition Timeline

Sunday, October 4 (11:59 PM)	Deadline for receipt of entry forms and images
Thursday, October 15	Notification of acceptance
Friday, October 30 (5:00 PM)	Deadline for shipped delivery of artwork to HCH
Saturday, October 31 (2:00 PM)	Deadline for in-person delivery of artwork to HCH

The Historic Cane Hill Gallery is open Thursdays - Saturdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Note that no one will be available to receive artwork after
the museum closes at 2 PM on Saturdays.*

Saturday, November 14 (2:00 PM) **Awards Ceremony and Opening Reception**

Saturday, January 16, 2027 Exhibition closes

Monday, January 18, 2027 Return of artwork begins

Saturday, February 6, 2027 Deadline for pick-up of artwork

If you do not pick up your artwork by Feb. 6, we will not store it.

Host:

Historic Cane Hill, Inc., a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization based in the picturesque, art-friendly community of Cane Hill in Northwest Arkansas, hosts this competition. Historic Cane Hill, Inc. leads ambitious efforts to preserve and restore this historic community and is committed to supporting and advancing the arts as a primary component of revitalization efforts. Cane Hill College, chartered in 1852, was one of the first 4-year collegiate institutions in Arkansas and boasted an active painting and drawing program in the 19th century. This competition honors that legacy.

Exhibition Details

The exhibition will be held in the Gallery at Historic Cane Hill. The gallery is housed in the historic A.R. Carroll building in Cane Hill, Arkansas. The building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is located amid a dense concentration of beautiful historic architecture. The recently restored building was constructed in 1900 and contains 1,000 square feet of gallery space. The gallery is adjacent to the Historic Cane Hill Museum. Cane Hill is situated in Northwest Arkansas' burgeoning art corridor, just 20 miles west of Fayetteville, and 45 miles from Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville.

How to Enter:

Submit digital images of original artwork, along with registration information, through the SlideRoom app. Each artist may enter a maximum of 3 works of art. There is no entry fee. To enter, open the *Historic Cane Hill Arkansas High School Artist's Competition and Exhibition Application, 2026* on U of A's SlideRoom page at <https://uarkart.slideroom.com> and complete the application.

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Publication

A digital exhibition catalog will be produced, containing the names of all exhibiting artists and award winners. The digital publication will be made available at historiccanehill.org after the awards are announced.

Artwork Presentation and Restrictions

All 2-dimensional works must be framed and/or matted. All mats must be white or off-white. 2-dimensional work should not exceed 30 inches in any single dimension (not including mat and/or frame). Sculptural work must not exceed a total weight of 50 lbs. and not extend greater than 36" in any direction. **All artwork must be original.**

Juror(s)

The names of the competition juror(s) will be announced prior to the close of the entry deadline. The jury will be composed of representatives from Historic Cane Hill, the University of Arkansas School of Art, and/or the Arkansas art community at large.

Sales

Artists may choose to make their artwork available for public purchase during the exhibition. If the artwork is available for purchase, the artist must indicate the sale price. If artwork is not available for purchase, it will be marked as NFS. All sales will be conducted by representatives of Historic Cane Hill, Inc., and all monies will be collected by Historic Cane Hill, Inc. Applicable sales tax will be calculated based on the indicated sales price of artwork sold. Sales tax will be included in the total sales price due from the buyer. Historic Cane Hill, Inc. will remit collected sales tax to the appropriate agencies. Payment for artwork sold during the exhibition will be forwarded to the artist at the indicated sale price, minus sales commission. Historic Cane Hill, Inc. will pay the artist no later than 30 days after the close of the exhibition. Payments will be delivered to the artist's address indicated on the exhibition entry form, via USPS. All proceeds generated from artwork sales and entry fees will benefit Historic Cane Hill, Inc.

Artwork Delivery

Artwork accepted into the exhibition may be shipped to the exhibition location or delivered in person between Friday, October 16, and Saturday, October 31. Please arrange for shipments to arrive between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. All commercial shipments **must** arrive by 5:00 PM on Friday, October 30. Please arrange after-hours delivery in advance. Artists are responsible for insuring artwork during shipping. All artwork delivered to the exhibition location must include an identification tag attached to the back of the artwork, containing the artist's name, address, phone number, email address, title of the work, and sale price (if applicable).

Artwork delivery address: Historic Cane Hill Museum
UPS/FedEx : 14335 S Highway 45
US Postal Service: P.O. Box 83
Canehill, AR 72717
Attention: Lawrence McElroy, Curator
479-824-5339

Artwork return

All unsold artwork that was dropped off in person must be picked up in person at the exhibition location between Monday, January 18 and Saturday, February 6, 2027. Historic Cane Hill is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. All unsold artwork shipped to the exhibition location will be returned to the artist in its original shipping container. **All artwork shipped to the location MUST include pre-paid return postage, unless it is to be picked up in person after** the exhibition. Artwork sold during the exhibition will be released to the buyer immediately after the exhibition. Buyers may pick up the artwork in person. Buyers who want artwork shipped are responsible for making all arrangements with the artist for pick-up, packing, and shipping, and for all related costs. **If you do not pick up your artwork by Feb. 6, it will not be stored.**

Notifications

Thank you for entering this competition! You will receive an email notification of the jury's decision by October 16.

Disclaimer/Legal

Acceptance into this competition/exhibition constitutes agreement by the artist/parent/guardian to allow Historic Cane Hill, Inc. unrestricted use of images of submitted artwork, artist names, and photographs of artists for marketing and publicity purposes. Historic Cane Hill, Inc. will exercise the greatest care in handling and storage of artwork while at the gallery but accepts no liability for accidental damage or loss during the period when artwork is on-site. Artists are encouraged to secure insurance for their artwork, at their own expense.

Questions?

Contact Lawrence McElroy at 479-824-5339 or lawrence@historiccanehillar.org

* Dispersal of the Grand Prize award will be contingent upon successful admission to the University of Arkansas and enrollment as a major within the School of Art starting in Fall 2027. The award is not redeemable as cash and will be applied only to tuition and fees through the University of Arkansas scholarship office. Value of the award is approximately \$10,000 for 30 hours of credit (15 per semester) plus applicable fees for a total value not to exceed \$10,000.