

Driftless Area Art Festival

An Event of Community Development Alternatives, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) Organization

315 E. Cedar St./P.O. Box 72, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821
(608) 326-7333 • info@DriftlessAreaArtFestival.com



Dear Driftless Area Art Teacher,

The 22nd annual **Driftless Area Art Festival** is fast approaching on **September 19-20, 2026**, and we are looking forward to your students' artworks being displayed in the Youth Art Tent. This gallery is a festival favorite! Thank you in advance for your participation. **This year's application deadline is FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026.**

YOUTH ART GALLERY

- Every art piece submitted will be displayed. Visit our website for a list of libraries that we are using as drop off locations. You can drop off art between Wednesday, September 9th and Tuesday, September 15th.
- **GRADES K thru 2:** In an effort to encourage and celebrate all of our youngest artists, the festival will no longer be jurying student submissions from Kindergarten through 2nd Grade... but these works will still be displayed!
- **GRADES 3 thru 12:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive ribbons and a cash award of \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively in the Grades 3-5 and Grades 6-8 categories, with these awards increasing to \$150, \$100, and \$50 at the high school level, Grades 9-12.
- **3D ART:** There will be one \$75 winner in each of the above age categories (Grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12). Sculptures and other delicate works must be carefully prepped for transportation at the time of drop-off.
- Ribbons and cash awards will be presented on Sunday, September 20th at 3 pm in the Entertainment Tent. Pictures may be taken for release through our local media outlets.

TEACHER TIPS

- Throughout the school year, select pieces and put them aside, informing the student (and parents) that their art is being kept safe to be entered into an art show the following September.
- One piece per student. If you face multiple options from a prolific talent, submit their strongest work.
- Please enter only one piece from a successful class project, not multiple pieces representing the same theme.
- Remember to be discerning. This is not a venue for displaying the work of every student, but a special gallery where excellent pieces are shown that you might consider to be "auctionable" artwork.
- Please make every effort to mat or mount the art so that it is sturdy and shows the work off nicely.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- All participating schools will be entered into a live drawing that will take place during the Sunday awards presentation, with one school district being randomly selected to receive \$500 for their art program!
- We will make every effort to contact the winners on Saturday, September 19 after the morning judging.
- Visit our website at www.driftlessareaartfestival.com for library drop-off locations, artwork labels (one to be affixed on the front and one on the back of each work), as well as the application forms for schools. Individual students may also enter on their own behalf, *but only one piece will be displayed for each student.*

QUESTIONS?

Contact Cari Gonos at serendip1176@gmail.com or Michael DiPadova at michaeldipadova@icloud.com