

National Youth Art Award 2026

Entries close on 21 June 2026



Open to all New Zealand visual artists aged 13 to 25 years old

OVER ALL CATEGORIES AWARD: \$1500

15-19 years

First prize \$2000

Merit prize \$500

Sustainability Award \$500

20-25 years

First prize \$2000

Merit prize \$500

Sustainability Award \$500

13-14 Years

First prize \$1000

Merit Prize \$250

Sustainability Award \$250

Other Awards over all age categories

Sculpture award \$500

PICT Award - performance, installation, temporal, and conceptual art \$500

Print award \$500

Photography award \$500

Drawing award \$500

People's choice award \$500

Artist information:

Name:

Birth date (you must be between 13-25 on 21 June 2026):

____/____/____

Award Age Group: _____

Address:

Email:

Mobile:

Title:

Artist statement: (maximum 50 words).

Medium:

Price \$ _____

Commission taken is 20%inc.

Bank account if work sells:

Measurements (in mm):

_____width x _____height x _____depth

Do not send your original artwork until you have been notified as a finalist.

- Artwork is not to exceed the dimensions of 1500mm x 1500mm.
- Maximum weight of artwork must not exceed 10 kg.
- Entries are limited to 2 entries per artist.
- Please include up to 3 high-quality images of the work.
- Finalists will be provided instructions for delivery of works – please note all freight/transport costs are to be met by the artist.
- Include your artist’s statement (maximum 50 words).

Entry fee:

13-14 years \$15 for 1 entry or \$20 for 2 entries

15-25 years \$20 for 1 entry \$35 for 2 entries

Schools entering over 10 entries-15% discount on total entries.

WSA can enter a school’s multiple entries on their behalf. Please contact wsa@wsa.org.nz

Method of payment: Online entry payment unless organised with WSA – Entering via our website includes making payment at this point

Enter online at wsa.org.nz in the Awards section, by 21 June [2026@11.59pm](https://www.timeanddate.com/date/convert.html?date=2026-06-21&time=11:59pm).

Please contact wsa@wsa.org.nz or phone 078394481 if you have any issues.

Finalists will be notified by email by 29th June 2026 and provided with delivery instructions.

Entries open - 1 May 2026

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Finalists and non-finalists notified 29 June 2026

Awards and Opening 7 August 2026 @ 6pm

Exhibition dates 8 – 30 August 2026

Artspost galleries

120 Victoria Street

Hamilton