

Welcome to the French Art Colony's 2026 July 4th Regional Youth Art Competition

ENTRY RULES

Students may submit up to three (3) works. Entry into the competition is FREE. Complete and fill out the entry card and ID tags and place the ID tags in the top right-hand corner on the back of each piece. Entry forms must be signed by a parent/guardian. **A 25% fee is retained from all sales resulting from either the pavilion exhibit or the gallery exhibit, to partially cover costs.** Payment for all sales will be mailed by August 31, 2026. Artwork may be marked Not For Sale (NFS), but **MUST** have a value amount for insurance purposes. Bring submissions to the FAC, 530 First Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio, on the following dates: **Sunday, May 31st from 1 to 5 pm OR Tuesday – Friday, June 2nd through 5th from 10:00 am-4:00 pm .**

FOUR CATEGORIES

Grades K-2 * Grades 3-5 * Grades 6-8 * Grades 9-12

(Enter into the grade category the student just completed, not what they are going into)

Competition is open to students, grades K-12 throughout the Appalachian region. Students can submit any medium of art, not exceeding 48" x 48" or 30 lbs. This includes acrylic, oil, watercolor, ink, pencil, colored pencil, pastel, charcoal, crayon, photography, fiber, sculpture or mixed media pieces. Work will be judged on originality, composition and artistic technique. All art must be original work done by the student. No coloring sheets or kit-based art works are permitted. **Works will not be judged by medium, but by category.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRIES

ALL 2-DIMENSIONAL WORK, except oils and acrylics on canvas, **MUST BE SECURELY WIRED FOR HANGING (FRAMES ARE PREFERABLE)—NO EXCEPTIONS.** Oils and acrylics **ON CANVAS** do not require a frame but do need a suitable hanger for installation (eye screws with wire). (Inexpensive frames can be found at Dollar General, Big Lots, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc.) **Please make sure all pieces are ready for installation, meaning wire should be attached OR inexpensive frames with cardboard backs require hanger to be "punched out".**

JURY PROCESS/PRIZES

Jurors will view all submitted artworks, selecting First, Second and Third places in each category. **Awards are not automatic in each category and will be given at the discretion of the judges.** There will be one Best of Show and will be awarded a rosette ribbon and \$20. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each category will be awarded ribbons and 1st Place (\$10), 2nd Place (\$5), and 3rd Place (\$3). All cash awards will be available at the opening reception on Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 2– 4pm, or mailed to recipients at a later date.

THE PAVILION EXHIBIT

ALL submitted entries will be displayed, either on the pavilion or in the gallery exhibit at the French Art Colony on July 4, 2026, 2-4 pm. **All entries NOT awarded a Best of Show, 1st, 2nd or 3rd place prize MUST be picked up at the French Art Colony on July 4th at 4:00 pm.**

THE FAC EXHIBIT

All prize-winning work (Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners) will become part of the July Youth Exhibit, residing in the Youth Gallery at the French Art Colony from July 4th thru July 31st, 2026. Work that makes it into the FAC Gallery Exhibit may be picked up Saturday, August 1st OR Tuesday – Friday August 4th – 7th, 2026, 10 am – 3 pm (closed Mondays). ***Work unclaimed after September 10th becomes the unrestricted property of the French Art Colony.***

Please direct inquiries to: Jenny Myers (740) 446-3834 or info@frenchartcolony.org

Rules and forms are also available on: www.frenchartcolony.org

Directions:

Fill out entry information to your right. Each student may enter up to three works. Fill out the tags below, one for each piece, and tape the tag to the back of the corresponding piece in the upper right corner. Bring your entries and completed entry form to the French Art Colony, 530 First Avenue, in Gallipolis.

Entries accepted Sunday, May 31st, from 1- 5:00 pm, Monday, June 1st, from 5-7:00 pm and Tuesday-Friday, June 2nd – 5th, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

All entries are submitted at the risk of the artist. (Caution and care are exercised in the handling of all artwork.) Neither the French Art colony, nor its agents, may be held liable for loss or damage to any entry. Parent signature on this form constitutes agreement with these conditions, acknowledges understanding of the terms of entry rules, and testifies that entered art is original work, fully completed by the student.

2026 French Art Colony Youth Competition Entry Form

Student Name _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parent Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Title A _____ Medium _____ Price _____

Title B _____ Medium _____ Price _____

Title C _____ Medium _____ Price _____

Medium is the style of art: Acrylic painting, oil painting, drawing, watercolor, photography, etc. See "Categories". Price: Selling price (including the 25% FAC commission), or mark "NFS", if the piece is Not For Sale.

* A) 2026 FAC Youth Competition		* B) 2026 FAC Youth Competition		* C) 2026 FAC Youth Competition	
* Art Work Title	_____	* Art Work Title	_____	* Art Work Title	_____
* Selling Price \$	_____	* Selling Price \$	_____	* Selling price \$	_____
*OR if NFS,		*OR if NFS,		* OR if NFS,	
*Please State Value \$	_____	*Please State Value \$	_____	*Please State Value \$	_____
*Student Name	_____	*Student Name	_____	*Student Name	_____
Parent Name	_____	* Parent Name	_____	*Parent Name	_____
* Contact Phone #	_____	*Contact Phone #	_____	*Contact Phone #	_____
*Medium	_____	*Medium	_____	*Medium	_____
* Circle Grade Category		* Circle Grade Category		* Circle Grade Category	
* K-2 3-5 6-8 9-12		* K-2 3-5 6-8 9-12		* K-2 3-5 6-8 9-12	
