



15th Annual Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition February 23 – March 20, 2026

Don't miss the chance to be recognized in Delaware for your creativity. Enter your artwork in **The Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition**. Sponsored by **The National Arts Program®** in support and cooperation with the Delaware Division of the Arts, the exhibit is judged by professional artists and visual art professionals in Amateur, Intermediate, Professional, Teen, and Youth classifications, and it is **free to all**. The Delaware State Employee Art Exhibition is designed to give artists at all skill levels a unique opportunity to exhibit their creative work and to compete for **cash prizes**. Contact Dana Wise at the Division of the Arts, delarts@delaware.gov, 302-577-8279, with any questions.

Important Dates

Registration Opens – December 15

Registration Closes – January 26

Exhibit Dates – February 23-March 20

People's Choice Voting – February 23-March 20

Celebration/Reception – March 8

For more information and links visit arts.delaware.gov/national-arts-program/

Eligibility

- Participants must be a current, benefit-eligible employee, or immediate family member of a current, benefit-eligible employee (spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild), of the State of Delaware. (Participating Group Members are also eligible.)
- All entries must be the **original** work of the applicant **completed within the last three years**. **Not accepted**: Kits; paint-by-number pieces; photocopies or photographs of artwork; magazine or book illustrations; low resolution photographs and snapshots; artwork entered in previous years.
- Artwork (except textiles) cannot be larger than **40 x 40 inches** in any direction.
- The National Arts Program® and the Delaware Division of the Arts reserve the right to disqualify entries they consider to be unacceptable or inappropriate for a public exhibition.
- Limit **one** artwork per registered artist, no exceptions.

Medium Categories

- Painting (oil, acrylics)
- Works on Paper (watercolor, pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, marker, crayon, digital, or reproductions of your original work)
- Photography (black & white, color)
- Sculpture
- Craft (Ceramics, glasswork, jewelry, woodcarving, fiber, etc.)
- Mixed Media (visual art with more than one medium)

Artwork will be judged in the classification of the artist's selection. However, in some cases, the exhibition judges will make the final determination.

Artist Categories

Adult

Amateur—a person with little or no experience

Intermediate—a person with some experience/training

Professional—a person with advanced art training, or employed in an art-related job

Youth/Teen

Youth—12 years and younger, **Teen**—13-18 years old

Preparing Entries

- Submit only entries that fit into the listed medium categories
- Prepare an image of your artwork to submit as part of the registration process. For tips, view the **Tips for Photographing Artwork** video under **How to Register** at arts.delaware.gov/national-arts-program/

Registering Entries

There are two steps to registering entries in the exhibition:

- 1) **Register** online at [National Arts Program](https://nationalartsprogram.org/)
- 2) **Upload** an image of your artwork to the registration form

Entries should receive an email confirmation receipt within 3-5 working days.

If none is received, contact Dana Wise, delarts@delaware.gov

Delivering Entries:

All entries must be dropped off at:

Arts Center/Gallery -- Delaware State University
1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901, (302) 857-6697

Drop-off: February 9-14, 2026

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm; Tues, Thurs: 11:00am – 6:00pm
Sat: 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Picking up Entries:

All entries must be picked up at the Arts Center/Gallery (DSU)

Pick-up: March 23-28 or Tues, March 31, 2026

Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm; Tues, Thurs 11:00 – 6:00pm; Sat 12:00pm – 4:00pm
(artwork not picked up during this time may be donated)