

Friends of Wabeno Student Art Contest 2026

RULES and GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY:

This art contest is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students as well as open to High School students in Forest County and surrounding towns public, private, parochial, and home schools. A student may submit ONE entry in each of four categories: **2D** (painting and drawing), **Digital Art, Photography** and **3-D** (sculpture). Students must make a commitment regarding artwork submitted to the Friends of Wabeno Student Art Contest; the submitted artwork may not be entered in another contest.

SUBJECT:

Students may submit an entry about his/her choice of subject.

FOUR CATEGORIES:

- **Painting/Drawing** – watercolor, oil, pastels, chalk, pencil, pen, ink, acrylic, crayon, charcoal.
- **Digital Art** - Fractal art, 2-D/3-D graphics, digital collage, 2-D/3-D digital painting and digital photo manipulation. No videos or gif for this competition. Artwork must be printed for this category.
- **Photography** (see specific rules below)
- **3D Sculpture** – clay, paper mâché, wire, the possibilities are endless

Painting/Drawing and Digital Artwork must be mounted on tagboard, stiff backing, cardboard, or foam board 11"x17" preferred. For photography mount print on similar tagboard, stiff backing, cardboard, or foam board 5"x7" minimum preferred.

Each category confers 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention awards in two student class levels: 6th - 8th grades AND High School.

The art must be entirely the student's own work. Artwork will be returned to the school following the contest period.

ORIGINALITY:

The work must be entirely the student's own work, done in the classroom under the teacher's supervision or at home, if home schooled. No copies are to be entered.

LABELS:

Artwork must have the approved **Entry Form** taped to the back of the artwork. (**Entry Form** may be duplicated from www.WabenoArtAndMusicFest.org).

PHOTOGRAPHY:

- Photos must be taken during the current school year using film or with digital devices and may be color or black and white.
- Each photograph must be a 5"x7" minimum print. Digital submissions alone will not be considered.
- All photographs must be mounted on a rigid board and overall thickness may not exceed 3/8 inch. No mats, frames, or hangers.
- Judges will look at the overall creativity of the subject and quality of photograph.

3D ARTWORK submissions must be packaged securely with ample protective materials to ensure safe transport.

AWARDS

Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in four categories: 2D (painting & drawing), Digital Art, Photography and 3D for both middle school and high school levels. Honorable Mention awards are given at the discretion of the contest chairperson and judges. Participation certificates will be presented to all students who submit artwork to the contest as a reminder of participating in the Student Art Contest sponsored by Friends of Wabeno.

ART RECEPTION AT WAM FEST

All submitted artwork will be showcased at WAM Fest, Saturday, July 18, 2026. The judging will take place before the exhibit is open to the public on July 18th. All student artists, their families, and art teachers are invited to a special reception during the afternoon of WAM Fest at the American Legion Post 44 in Wabeno where the art will be on display. Refreshments will be served. Following WAM Fest some entries will be displayed at a visible public location during the month of August.

FORMS:

The information and forms are conveniently located on the website:
www.WabenoArtAndMusicFest.org

CONTACT: For any questions or comments, please contact Sue Bessert of the Friends of Wabeno Student Art Contest team. Thank you.

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