



# 2021 Youth Art Show

**ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE – April 30, 2021**  
**MAIL-IN ARTWORK POSTMARK DEADLINE – April 30, 2021**  
**HAND DELIVER ARTWORK – 2:00 - 6:00 p.m., May 3-5, 2021**

Below are the Definitions, General Rules, Entry Rules and Art Criteria for the Youth Art Show.

**SCHEDULE:**

*Times are subject to change.*

- Art Drop Off and Check-in.....Monday, May 3, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Art Drop Off and Check-in.....Tuesday, May 4, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Art Drop Off and Check-in.....Wednesday, May 5, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Judging (Closed to Public)

**DEFINITIONS:**

As used in these General and Special Rules, the following Definitions shall apply.

- A. The **“Board”** shall mean the Board of Directors of Rodeo Austin. **“Executive Committee”** shall mean the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Rodeo Austin.
- B. **“Divisions”** shall mean one of the divisions or categories for the Show as designated and described in the Entry Criteria Rules, as may be modified from time to time. The current Divisions include (I) Traditional, (II) Photography, (III) Digital Art, and (IV) Sculpture/3D.
- C. **“Exhibitor”** shall mean the bona fide owner of the project.
- D. **“Exhibit(s)”** shall mean the artwork entered by an Exhibitor in one of the Divisions of the Show.
- E. **“Judge(s)”** shall mean a person who participates as a judge for one or more of the Divisions of the Show.
- F. **“Participant”** or one who **“participates”** shall mean an Exhibitor (including his or her parent or legal guardian), a member of the Board, a member of the Executive Committee, a Judge, or any other individual who enters and or takes part in any of the events and activities of the Show.
- G. **“Premium”** shall mean an award of any kind, including scholarships, cash, plaques, ribbons, trophies, and other such articles awarded to or received by Exhibitors as prizes for accomplishments in the Show.
- H. **“Privilege”** shall mean the opportunity to participate in the Show and specifically includes the opportunity to exhibit, to compete for Premiums, to offer for sale or sell any Exhibit as part of the Show.
- I. **“Rules”** shall mean these General Rules and the Special Rules.
- J. The **“Show”** shall mean the Youth Art Show presented by Rodeo Austin.
- K. **“Show Management”** means one or more adult individuals who have been duly appointed by Rodeo Austin to assist with the Show and may include, but are not limited to, one or more members of the Staff, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Sub-Committee Chairs, and Judges.
- L. **“Placing Art”** shall mean the Exhibits listed in the Youth Art Show Entry Rules (see Rule 10. Divisions and Placings for Live and Silent Art Auction) that will receive a cash premium.
- M. **“Non-Placing Art”** shall mean the Exhibits not listed in the Youth Art Show Entry Rules (see Rule 10. Divisions and Placings for Live and Silent Art Auction) that will not receive a cash premium.

## GENERAL RULES:

1. **Interpretation and Violation of Rules:** Individuals, including Participants, are requested to report any rule violation(s) to the Show Management immediately so that appropriate action may be taken. Rodeo Austin reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto or otherwise arising out of or connected with, or incident to, the Show; and to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. Any Exhibitor who violates any of the rules will forfeit all Privileges and Premiums and be subject to such penalty as Rodeo Austin may order.  
  
Rodeo Austin shall have the right to further delegate any or all of the rights, authorities and responsibilities which it has under these rules to the Show Management as it deems appropriate.
2. **Erroneous Entry:** Exhibits that have been erroneously entered in an incorrect Division may be transferred to the proper Division prior to judging upon application to the Show Management, who will determine the matter. If such Divisions have been judged, they shall not be reopened. No Exhibit shall be considered for change from one Division to another Division after the entry deadline date unless it is ineligible for the Division in which it is entered.
3. **Objectionable Exhibits:** Show Management reserves the right to remove from the Show any Exhibit or entry that may be falsely entered, or deemed unsuitable, or objectionable in the sole discretion of the Show Management. The objectionable Exhibit shall be available to be picked up by the Exhibitor as provided in the Special Rules and all fees for such Exhibit will be forfeited.
4. **Decisions:** The decision of the Judges will be final in all cases, except where mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, not discovered at the time of award, is proven. Any objections to a judge must be submitted as an Official Protest (See General Rule 5 below).
5. **Official Protests:** Official Protests must be submitted to Show Management in writing and accompanied by a \$300.00 deposit which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained, and shall be refunded to the Exhibitor if the protest is sustained. The protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, giving good and sufficient reasons therefore, and must be delivered to the Show Management immediately upon the occasion for such protest. Any protest not officially filed within 24 hours of the alleged incident may not be considered. These cases are referred to the Rodeo Austin who will have full power to act in its sole discretion. The decision of the Rodeo Austin shall be final and non-appealable. Judging procedures will not be interrupted for protest investigation.
6. **Interference:** If any Exhibitor, in any way, whether in person, by agent or servant, interferes with the Judges during their adjudication, or shows any disrespect to them, or the Show, Show Management may demand a proper apology from the Exhibitor, may exclude him/her from competition, bar him/her from the Show, and may also withhold any Premium that may have been awarded.
7. **Disqualification:** Should any entry awarded a Premium be disqualified, the lower placing entries will NOT move into the higher position.

## YOUTH ART SHOW ENTRY RULES:

1. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all rules of this Show. Participation as an Exhibitor is limited to Texas students currently enrolled in an accredited Texas high school or homeschool (with proof of enrollment), grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. This is an invitational Show; Rodeo Austin reserves the right to extend or withhold an invitation to any Exhibitor or contestant.
2. **Ineligibility:** An Exhibitor who places Grand Champion overall in any prior year Show may not return to compete. However, an Exhibitor who has placed Champion in one or more of the Divisions may return and compete in any of the other remaining divisions in which he or she did not place as division Champion.

Exhibitors suspended under **Texas Education Code 33.081 “No Pass, No Play”** are ineligible to participate in any Rodeo Austin Junior activity, event or competition. Any Exhibit owned by an ineligible Exhibitor is ineligible for competition.

All Exhibitors are considered to be eligible by Rodeo Austin to participate in the Show at the time entries are received. Any teacher who has a student in his/her class who becomes ineligible to participate according to Texas Education Code must provide written and signed notification to Rodeo Austin at least 24 hours prior to check-in. If such notification is not received at least 24 hours prior to check-in, Rodeo Austin will consider the Exhibitor as eligible to participate.

3. **Social Security Number Requirement:** All Exhibitors and Participants must have a personal Social Security Number to be eligible to participate in Rodeo Austin. Social Security Numbers must be recorded on entry forms. International Exhibitors and Participants may be approved on an individual basis.
4. **Foreign Exchange Students:** Non-United States citizens and foreign exchange students are eligible to compete in the Show provided they meet all other eligibility requirements.
5. **Youth Art Entry:** Exhibitors must enter online at RodeoAustin.com. The right is reserved to reject entirely or accept conditionally any entry and to refuse any accepted entry admittance to the Show.

Each Exhibitor may enter one (1) piece of artwork in each Division of Traditional, Photography, Digital Art and Sculpture/3D. No more than one Exhibitor may work on a single entry. No group projects are eligible for entry in the Show. Each entry must be titled. Attendance at the Art Show is not mandatory for entry.

1. **Entry Fees:** \$10.00 per entry – January 30 online entry deadline
2. **Late Entries:** No late entry fees are accepted.
3. **Refunds:** There will be no refund of fees.

No entry will be accepted unless entry and payment has been submitted either online on or before the entry deadline, or mailed with a postmark on or before the entry deadline.

If the bank for any reason should return the check accompanying entries, the entry will be canceled and returned. There will be a \$50.00 service charge on all returned checks. Rodeo Austin has the right to ban any Exhibitor from future participation should there be a continuous problem with fees from Exhibitor.

6. **Check-in:** All Exhibitors wishing to mail their artwork must ensure the artwork is postmarked by April 30, 2021. Any artwork that is postmarked after April 30 will be considered ineligible for competition. Mail to: **Rodeo Austin, Attn: Youth Art Show, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX, 78724.**

All Exhibitors wishing to hand deliver their artwork must do so to the Rodeo Austin Office on the dates provided between 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Any artwork that is hand delivered at a different time to this address will not be accepted. Hand deliver to: **Rodeo Austin Office, 9100 Decker Lake Rd., Austin, TX 78724.**

7. **Judging:** Exhibitors are responsible for knowing appropriate times for check-in. Any Exhibit not presented promptly will be ruled ineligible and barred from competition in the Division. No complaint or protest on the grounds that the Judge overlooked Exhibits will be considered.

If any Exhibit is deemed by the Show Management or Judges not to adhere to these rules, it will not be displayed or judged. If, after the judging is completed and awards have been announced, it is discovered that an Exhibit is not in compliance with the Rules, any Premium or any other award, which that Exhibitor may have been awarded, will be forfeited.

Judging is closed to all public including, but not limited to, Exhibitors, parents and teachers.

8. **Terminal Show:** This is a terminal Art Show, meaning the art will not be returned to the Exhibitor.

By entering artwork as an Exhibit, the Exhibitor agrees and understands that Rodeo Austin reserves the right to reproduce all placing artwork for any purpose. Proceeds, if any, from the reproduction of such artwork shall be for the sole benefit of Rodeo Austin in support of its mission. By entering their artwork as an Exhibit, Exhibitors relinquish the right to reproduce their artwork for profit. Exhibitors may reproduce their artwork for personal use.

9. **Divisions and Placings:**

**TRADITIONAL DIVISION**

Champion ..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
Reserve Champion..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
3<sup>rd</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> Place ..... Rosette

**PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION**

Champion ..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
Reserve Champion..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> Place ..... Rosette

**DIGITAL ART DIVISION**

Champion ..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
Reserve Champion..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Place ..... Rosette

**SCULPTURE/3D DIVISION**

Champion ..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
Reserve Champion..... Trophy, Banner, Rosette  
3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Place..... Rosette

Overall Grand Champion..... Buckle  
Reserve Grand Champion..... Buckle

Only the Champion Exhibit in each division will compete for the Grand Champion Exhibit. The Reserve Champion in that division will compete with the other division champions for Reserve Grand Champion.

10. **Premium Proceeds:** Premium checks will be distributed by Rodeo Austin when funds have been collected from buyers. Rodeo Austin checks must be cashed within 90 days of the date the check is issued. Requests to re-issue Rodeo Austin checks must be made in writing to Rodeo Austin to the Controller’s attention. A \$50.00 handling fee will be assessed on approved requests. If a check has not been cashed within three years of issue date, Rodeo Austin will consider this check abandoned and will turn over the funds to the State of Texas, as mandated by law. Any Exhibitor who is requesting to have the check reissued after three years will need to collect their funds from the State of Texas.

11. **Liability:** All Exhibits will be under the control and direction of Rodeo Austin, but Rodeo Austin will in no case be responsible for any loss, injury or damage which may occur. The Exhibitor will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to, or occasioned by, or arising from, any Exhibits by him/her and for its description as given in the Rules. He/She shall indemnify Rodeo Austin against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto, as well as any damage or injury to any other person or property, caused by the Exhibitor, article or any of the items exhibited with such exhibition or any of the items so exhibited.

12. **COVID-19:** All Exhibitors, their family members and other related persons participating in the livestock events at Travis County Expo Center shall comply with all health and safety orders, rules and guidelines related to COVID-19 promulgated by the State of Texas, County of Travis, City of Austin, CDC and Rodeo Austin. While participating in Rodeo Austin events “social distancing” must be practiced and face coverings worn in strict compliance with local health regulations and ordinances to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19 as well as wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer or antibacterial wipes, maintain social distancing and submit to non-invasive body temperature measurement. Any person presenting a body

temperature above the temperature threshold designated by local health officials, will not be permitted to participate in the events or be on property at Travis County Expo Center.

- a. **Safety Information:** Because COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is spread mainly from person-to-person contact, Rodeo Austin has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. However, Rodeo Austin cannot guarantee that its participants, volunteers, partners or others in attendance will not become infected with COVID-19. In light of the ongoing spread of COVID-19, individuals who fall within any of the categories below should not engage in Rodeo Austin events. By attending a Rodeo Austin event, you certify that you do not fall into any of the following categories:
  - i. Individuals who currently or within the past fourteen (14) days have experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough and shortness of breath among others
  - ii. Individuals who believe that they may have been exposed to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are not yet cleared as non-contagious by state or local public health authorities or the health care team responsible for their treatment
- b. **Duty to Self-Monitor:** Participants agree to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (symptoms typically include fever, cough, and shortness of breath) and contact Rodeo Austin if he/she experiences symptoms of COVID-19 within 14 days after participating at Rodeo Austin.
- c. **Assumption of the Risk:** I acknowledge and understand the following:
  - i. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist
  - ii. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks related to illness and infectious diseases, such as COVID-19, even if arising from the negligence or fault of the Released Parties
  - iii. I hereby knowingly assume the risk of injury, harm and loss associated with the Activity, including any injury, harm and loss caused by the negligence, fault or conduct of any kind on the part of the Released Parties.

13. **Transport:** Rodeo Austin will transport Exhibits that have placed in the Show from the judging location to other display locations to be determined. Rodeo Austin is not responsible for damage to an Exhibit. Illustrations should be placed in a protective covering with the necessary forms identifying the Exhibit in an envelope taped to the back. Sculptures should be placed in a padded box with the necessary forms identifying the Exhibit in an envelope taped to the bottom of the Exhibit.

If Exhibitor believes that their Exhibit is of value and chooses to insure it, it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to obtain insurance for the item.

14. **Photographs:** Exhibitors agree to present their Exhibit at the request of the Rodeo Austin Officials for official photographs. All photographs taken by the official photographer(s) become the property of Rodeo Austin.
15. **Notice to Parents or Guardians of Exhibitors:** Rodeo Austin, at its election, may choose to use photographs, videos and other likenesses of Participants in future publications including but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, television, promotional literature, Internet, social media and Rodeo Austin programs. By allowing your child or ward to enter events of the Rodeo Austin, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of your child or ward.
16. **Notice to Adult Participants:** Rodeo Austin, at its election, may choose to use photographs, videos and other likenesses of Participants in future publications including, but not limited to, newspapers, magazines, television, promotional literature, Internet, social media and Rodeo Austin Programs. By participating in events of Rodeo Austin, you are deemed to have consented to such uses of photographs, videos and other likenesses of yourself.

## **YOUTH ART SHOW CRITERIA:**

1. **Originality:** Published and printed materials may be used for research. Copied art will not be accepted.

The Exhibitor and the parent/legal guardian must sign the form that declares the work to be the original composition of the Exhibitor. If a winning piece of artwork is found to have been copied, any Premiums that were awarded to the Exhibitor are forfeited. Any Premiums that have not yet been received will not be awarded.

Any legal issue arising from the infringement of copyright law is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor and his/her parent/legal guardians. Rodeo Austin will not be responsible for or involved in any legal issues arising from infringement.

No reproduction of other artwork or photos by means of tracings or duplicating devices shall be allowed. All Exhibitors are required to clarify medium on art Exhibit.

2. **Acceptable Subjects:** It is encouraged, but not required, that the pieces reflect the education and appreciation of Western or Texas heritage. The following examples will be a guideline as to what is considered Western or Texas heritage art:

- a. Farm or ranch life (past or present)
- b. Cowboy or rodeo activities
- c. Any imaginative country and western scene or landscape
- d. Any imaginative still life depicting cowboy, Native American, or pioneer paraphernalia
- e. Historical people or events, for instance the Battle of the Alamo, the California Gold Rush, the Buffalo Soldiers, Chief Sitting Bull, etc.
- f. Any famous or recognizable Texas landmark/building/place, etc.
- g. Any Texas town or city sky lines, downtown squares, etc.

3. **Divisions:** Artwork must be entered in one of the following Divisions. Judges have the final approval on all art Division classifications.

### **I. Traditional**

- a. Tempera
- b. Mixed Media
- c. Watercolor Ink
- d. Oil
- e. Pencil
- f. Acrylic
- g. Charcoal
- h. Pastels

**II. Photography:** Photographs taken with minimal computer alterations. Although slight computer enhanced photos are allowed, such as cropping, trimming, adjusting lighting and red eye reduction; substantially altered photography, such as changing colors or applying design styles and/or using computer graphics, require the photo to be entered in the digital category. Judges and Show Management reserve the right to move pieces entered as photography to digital art if excessively edited. To assure the amount of editing is within the acceptable range, the Exhibitor may include a list of any technical effects used on the Exhibit.

**III. Digital Art:** Images produced through the single or combined use of the following but not limited to: computers, scanners, photo editing software (i.e. Photoshop or Lightroom), drawing and painting software, graphic tablets and emerging technologies.

**IV. Sculpture/3D:** Art produced in three-dimensional and/or realistic form created by hand using only the mediums allowed.

4. **Dimensions (Illustrations, Photography and Digital Art):** Dimensions are encouraged to be one of the following with matting, and may be vertical or horizontal.

- a. 11" X 14"
- b. 14" X 18"
- c. 16" X 20"
- d. 18" X 24"

5. **Dimensions (Sculptures):** Maximum size – Sculpture is not to exceed 20 inches in height or width including the base. Weight – Should not be excessive or weigh more than an average person can carry or transport easily.
6. **Mounting and Matting (Illustrations, Photography and Digital Art):** Frames are not allowed. Illustrations must be matted with material such as poster board sturdy enough to prevent sagging. “Professional” mats are acceptable, but not required. Double matting is acceptable. Mat color is limited to black, white, or light grey. A minimum of 1” mat is required. Paintings on canvas with wooden stretcher frames and wood work do not need to be matted. Paintings on hardboard canvas (thin type of canvas) may be matted or mounted with sturdy poster board. No cardboard mounting or matting will be permitted.
7. **Unacceptable Media:** Do not use any of the following material with regards to illustrations or sculptures:
  - a. Glitter
  - b. Plastic Figures
  - c. Pre-packaged, pre-cut craft or art kits
  - d. Commercial, newsprint lettering, stencils or rub-on letters in its original form
  - e. Sand (must be glued, not loose)
  - f. Wax
  - g. Any fragile material that easily breaks or may be damaged when transported (i.e. soft clay, glass)
  - h. Living things (plants or insects)
  - i. Oil-based clay (i.e. Plastillina)
8. **Unacceptable Entries:** If your entry includes any of the following it will be declared ineligible and not accepted into the competition:
  - a. Satanic art
  - b. Nudes
  - c. Wet paintings
  - d. Framed pictures
  - e. Charcoal and pastels which are not sprayed
  - f. Use of a sewing machine