

HIGH SCHOOL ARTIST RESOURCE GUIDE

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This guide is published by the Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition to promote and spread information about opportunities for High School Artists in Oklahoma. We want this guide to be as accurate and up to date as possible, so please send us updates any time at events@ovac-ok.org.

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**Scholastic
Art & Writing
Awards**

2020 ART & WRITING AWARDS

Students' submissions are blindly judged by leaders in the visual and literary arts. Over \$250,000 in scholarships are awarded each year. Open to grades 7 – 12, and high school seniors who earn a National Medal are eligible to receive scholarships through partnerships with esteemed colleges and universities.

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OKLAHOMA STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

OSAE is a juried art show open to all Oklahoma students grades Pre-K thru 12. Participating schools submit student artwork and distinguished jurors examine each piece entered in the competition. Hundreds of pieces are juror-selected in May and exhibited in the Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center.

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COMPETITIONS/SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 YOUTH ART CONTEST

The Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art is looking for young wildlife artist to take part in their competition.

Deadline: **June 1, 2019**

[click to learn more](#)

YOUTH ART SALE

Youth ages 8 - 18 from certain counties are encouraged to apply to be in this one-day art sale for the OKC Festival of the Arts.

Deadline: **April 5, 2019**

[click to learn more](#)

YOUNGARTS

Around 800 artists from different disciplines are selected each year to participate in YoungArts week or regional events, can win up to \$10k, and more.

Applications open in spring 2019
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OCEAN AWARENESS CONTEST

Bow Seat invites students from around the world to explore—through visual art, poetry, prose, film, and music—how humans' actions impact the health of our oceans and how to take action for our blue planet.

Theme: Presence of Future

Deadline: **June 17, 2019**

[click to learn more](#)

OKC ZOO DR PEPPER VENDING MACHINE CONTEST

Students have the chance to have their art displayed on a vending machine and can win a \$300 gift card to the OKC Outlets.

Deadline: entries postmarked by **March 25, 2019**

[click to learn more](#)

AGAINST THE GRAIN ARTISTIC SCHOLARSHIP

This art contest provides scholarships to students of Asian or Pacific Islander ethnicity pursuing a major in the performing, visual arts, journalism and/or mass communications

Deadline: **May 6, 2019**

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SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS® CHALLENGE

This international art competition engages students to promote the need to preserve, protect, and restore the world's oceans and aquatic resources. Scholarships up to \$500 are awarded.

Theme: Connected Ocean

Deadline: **April 22, 2019**

[click to learn more](#)

CELEBRATINGART

Paintings, computer art, sculptures or drawings by any student from grades K-12 in the USA may be entered in the competition. Winners will share over \$5000 in prizes.

Deadlines: **April 16, August 23, December 13**

[click to learn more](#)

CELEBRATE THE WEST

A regional art competition that challenges high school students to create works inspired by their state. Winners will be announced at the WGA Annual Meeting in Vail, Colorado.

Deadline: **April 28, 2019**

[click to learn more](#)

SPACETIME 2019

High School and college digital artists are welcome to enter this poster competition, themed "thrive."

Deadline: **May 15, 2019**

[Click to learn more](#)

Keep an eye out for these annual Oklahoma competitions to enter later this year:

- **MOMENTUM**
- **INNOVATIONS**
- **YOUTH IMPRESSIONS JURIED ART SHOW**

SHOWS/EVENTS

MOMENTUM

This dynamic and unique event organized by OVAC works with Oklahoma artists ages 30 and younger in an environment created specifically for them, helping them gain experience and meet new audiences. Attendees encounter film, performance, new media, installation, music, and more!

March 22nd & 23rd 2019

[click to learn more](#)

NORMAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

A free, three day independent music festival in downtown Norman featuring more than 300 performers providing free arts, culture and entertainment.

April 25th - 27th 2019

[click to learn more](#)

TULSA INTERNATIONAL MAYFEST

The outdoor area of Mayfest includes fine arts, crafts, three stages of performing artists and great festival food. In addition to the outdoor space, Mayfest also has four indoor galleries.

May 16th - 19th 2019

[click to learn more](#)

2ND FRIDAY NORMAN ART WALK

A free celebration of arts & creativity held monthly from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Walker Arts District of Downtown Norman.

Second Friday of each month

[click to learn more](#)

FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

A community celebration of the visual, performing and culinary arts, bringing a variety of talented artists together in downtown OKC's Bicentennial Park.

April 23rd - 28th 2019

[click to learn more](#)

DOWNTOWN EDMOND ARTS FESTIVAL

Features more than 100 artist booths, food vendors, live music, painting demonstrations, children's area and more.

May 3rd - 5th 2019

[click to learn more](#)

PASEO ARTS FESTIVAL

As the Paseo Arts Association's largest annual fundraiser, the Festival helps to support arts events in the Paseo year-round

May 25th-27th 2019

[click to learn more](#)

MEDIEVAL FAIR

Held annually since 1977, this living history fair in Norman features arts, crafts, food, games, educational exhibits, demonstrations and ongoing entertainment at seven stages.

April 5th - 7th 2019

[click to learn more](#)

MAY FAIR ARTS FESTIVAL

Features more than 30 artists and quality craftsmen, top area performers, artist demonstrations, children's art activities, a student art show and food.

May 5th - 6th 2019

[click to learn more](#)

FIRST FRIDAY GALLERY WALK

Each First Friday of the month, Paseo galleries offer special themed exhibits, refreshments, guest artists and a variety of entertainment opportunities.

First Friday of each month

[click to learn more](#)

Check your local publications and businesses for more events happening in your area!

ART LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

OKLAHOMA ARTS INSTITUTE AT QUARTZ MOUNTAIN

An intensive 2-week residential school that provides professional training to artistically talented Oklahoma high school students, including graduating seniors, in the visual, literary, and performing arts.

June 8th - 23rd, 2019

[click to learn more](#)

2019 SUMMER ART ACADEMY

A non-credit commuter program of summer classes for students aged 13-18. The schedule of classes allows students to attend afternoon blocks under the guidance of master instructors.

[click to learn more](#)

ART MUSEUMS AND ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING VARIOUS CLASSES:

(click titles to go to websites)

- PASEO ARTS DISTRICT
- EDMOND FINE ARTS INSTITUTE
- OKLAHOMA CONTEMPORARY
- FIREHOUSE ART CENTER
- TULSA ART CENTER
- OKC MUSEUM OF ART
- MABEE - GERRER MUSEUM OF ART
- PRAIRIE ARTS CENTER
- PHILBROOK MUSEUM OF ART

Check out our calendar at ovac-ok.org for more opportunities each month.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

OKLAHOMA VISUAL ARTS COALITION

We are always looking for volunteers here at OVAC! We hold events throughout the year. This is a great way to network with the art community and enhance your cultural life.

[click to learn more](#)

ARTSPACE AT UNTITLED

Offers mentorship programs, internships, and volunteer opportunities for students.

[click to learn more](#)

OKLAHOMA CONTEMPORARY TEEN ARTS COUNCIL

OCTAC members spend a year planning, designing and facilitating ways to connect teens with Oklahoma Contemporary through gallery experiences, programs, print pieces, events and project generation.

[click to learn more](#)

LIVINGARTS

Living Arts works with volunteers for gallery monitoring and exhibition prep/strike, live events, fundraisers and major events, educational programs, curatorial and visiting artist assistance, and social media/documentation.

[click to learn more](#)

OKC ARTS COUNCIL TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

During the school year, a small number of teens are selected to help organize arts events, participate in workshops, and visit a variety of exhibits, performances, and installations. Members are also given volunteer opportunities and behind-the-scenes access to certain events.

[click to learn more](#)

OKLAHOMA CONTEMPORARY

Seeks volunteers for youth camps and other events.

[click to learn more](#)

GALLERIES/VENUES

Some of the following galleries are open to high school work throughout the year, and some will only accept work for certain shows and events. There are likely to be more venues in your area open to the idea of accepting high school work. It is always best to contact the galleries and venues directly to ask what they are looking to accept and if/how to present your work.

Click each title to be directed to their website.

CHISHOLM TRAIL HERITAGE CENTER Duncan

CIRCLE CINEMA Tulsa

EDMOND FINE ARTS INSTITUTE Edmond

FOREST HERITAGE CENTER Broken Bow

FRAMED IN THE VILLAGE OKC

FRAME MASTER Edmond

GRACEFUL ARTS GALLERY Alva

INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS OF OKLAHOMA OKC

LIVING ARTS Tulsa

MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS Lawton

PASEO ART SPACE OKC

PONCA CITY ART CENTER Ponca City

SHADES OF BROWN Tulsa

As always, the best practice is to contact your local venues about having your art in their space. There are always coffee shops, music stores, art galleries, etc. that feature local artists on the regular!



The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC) helps artists realize their potential through education, exposure and funding. Organized in 1988, OVAC is a non-profit organization that supports visual artists living and working in Oklahoma. OVAC promotes public interest in the arts and helps people of all ages understand the visual arts.

Questions or concerns?

Contact OVAC at:

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