

Fine Art "ArtCall" – How to Enter Online

The Fine Art category includes paintings, drawings, watercolors, sculptures, glass, pottery, and other fine art mediums. All entries must be original works created by the exhibitor. Copies or reproductions of work created by another person are not eligible for competition.

Step 1: Access the ArtCall Entry Website

Visit either of the following websites:

- <https://www.iowastatefair.org/competition/enter-competitive-exhibits>
- <https://2026iowastatefair.artcall.org/>

These links will take you to the ArtCall homepage, where you can find important information regarding:

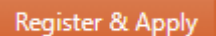
- Entry procedures
- Eligibility requirements
- Presentation and display rules
- Age categories
- Jury notification procedures
- Accepted entries

Before beginning your entry, carefully review all rules and requirements to ensure your artwork is eligible and properly prepared for submission.

Step 2: Create an Account (First-Time Exhibitors)

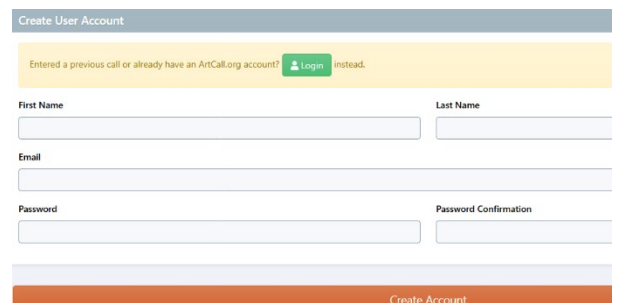
If you are entering through ArtCall for the first time, locate either:

- The orange "**Register & Apply**" button near the top of the homepage, or
- The blue "**Register**" button in the upper-right corner of the page



Click the appropriate button and create your user account by providing:

- Your name
- Email address
- Password



Create User Account

Entered a previous call or already have an ArtCall.org account? [Login](#) instead.

First Name Last Name

Email

Password Password Confirmation

Create Account

Once your account has been created, you can begin updating the user profile process.

Important: Each exhibitor/artist must have their own ArtCall account. Only one account may be created per exhibitor, and the same email address cannot be used for multiple exhibitor accounts.

When creating an account, be sure to enter the information for the actual exhibitor/artist, not a parent, guardian, or another family member.

Example: If Rosetta's 10-year-old child, Ribbon, created an abstract painting, the ArtCall account should be created using Ribbon's information, including his name, address, and age, since he is the exhibitor and artist of the entry.

Step 2: Log In (Returning Exhibitors)

If you have previously entered through ArtCall and already have an account, locate the green "Log In" button in the upper-right corner of the homepage.



Enter your email address and password to access your existing account and begin your entry submission.

Step 3: User Dashboard

Once you have created an account or logged in, you can begin entering your artwork submissions.

Helpful Tip: If you need assistance with the entry process, a video tutorial is available from the ArtCall homepage. Look for the YouTube video link located in the upper-left corner of the page. The tutorial provides easy-to-follow, step-by-step instructions for completing your online entry.



Also in user dashboard, you will be able to see all your active submissions and their status in the judging process.

My Entered Submissions							0 Credits
ID	Key	Info	Title	Attachments	Actions		
-- No Active Submissions --							
Key: ✔ Submitted ✘ Not Accepted ✔ Accepted ↔ Alternative ✉ Email Notification Sent 🔄 Refunded 📄 Checked In 📄 Checked Out ⚠ Needs Attention 💰 Booth Paid 📦 Item Sold							

Start a New Submission

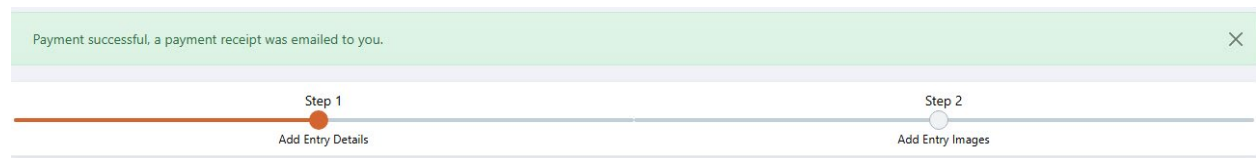
- Select the large orange "Add New Submission" button.
- Exhibitors may submit up to **two (2) entries** during the entry period.
- Entry period: **May 1, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. through June 12, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. (CDT).**
- Jury results and acceptance notifications will be emailed to exhibitors and can also be viewed by logging into your ArtCall account after **June 25, 2026.**

Add New Submission +

Step 4: Complete Payment

Before entering submission details, you will be directed to the payment page.

- Select the number of submissions you plan to enter (**1 or 2**).
- The entry fee is **\$7.50 per submission.**
- Enter your payment information.
- Select "**Submit Payment Charge**" to complete the transaction.



Step 5: Add Submission Details: Complete all required information about your artwork.

Category Choose a Category...	- Choose a Category (Adult, Youth, Junior, child)
Sub-Category [Empty field]	- Depending on the category selected, additional divisions or subcategories may become available.
Title The Mona Lisa -	- Enter the title of your artwork exactly as you would like it displayed.
Dimensions (in.) ? Height: 14 Width: 22 Depth: 1.5	- Carefully measure your artwork and enter the dimensions accurately. Measurements are important if your work is selected for exhibition display
Description / Statement Briefly describe your entry: mediums, inspiration, process etc.	
Sale Price ? \$ 95.00 <small>Sale price with 2 decimals (145.00). Enter 0.00 if not for sale</small>	- If your artwork is marked " For Sale, " the sale price cannot be changed after the entry has been submitted.
Terms and Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> I Agree to the Terms & Conditions.	
Submit Entry Details →	

Important: Only one image is permitted for each two-dimensional artwork. Three-dimensional artwork may be represented by up to two images taken from different angles.

The submission has been saved. Please upload your submission attachment(s). The first attachment will be the "main" image. ×

Step 1
Add Entry Details

Step 2
Add Entry Images

Step 6: Upload Your Entry Image

Upload a high-quality image of your artwork for jury review.

Image Requirements

- One image per artwork is permitted.
- Three-dimensional artwork may include up to two images from different angles.
- All images must be in **.jpg format** and be Windows compatible.
- Images should be high resolution (**300 dpi** recommended).
- The ideal image size is **2700 x 3600 pixels**.
- Entry images may be used to represent your artwork online, in promotional materials, or in printed publications.

Please Note: The quality of your submitted image may be considered during the jurying process. Low-resolution or poor-quality images may negatively impact the judges' evaluation of your work. Exhibitors are encouraged to photograph two-dimensional artwork before it is framed to achieve the best image quality.

Uploading Your Image

1. Locate the "**Drag & Drop or + Attach File**" button.
2. Upload your image file.
3. Edit or crop the image as needed.
4. Select "**Done**" to complete the upload.

Step 2/2: Add Entry Attachment(s)

Drag & Drop or + Attach File

Step 7: Review Your Submission

After your image has been successfully uploaded:

- A submission summary page will appear.
- Review all information carefully for accuracy.
- If desired, add an additional submission (up to the two-entry limit).
- Once your review is complete, your entry submission process is finished.

Step 8: Review the Jury Notification Timeline

After submitting your entries, review the **Jury Notification Timeline** located on the left side of the ArtCall toolbar.

This section provides important dates and information regarding:

- Jury review
- Acceptance notifications
- Artwork delivery instructions
- Exhibition timelines
- Award announcements