

2024 Entry Guidelines for Teen Arts

Performing Arts

Dance, Vocal/Choral, Drama, Musical Theatre, Instrumental

- Recorded music for performances must be downloaded to a device. There will not be access to WiFi to stream music from the internet.
- Music performers must provide a copy of their score or sheet music to the adjudicators before the performance.
- Dance performances are limited to 4 minutes in length.
- Vocal/Choral Solo or Small Ensembles are limited to 15 performers, and 5 minutes in length.
- Vocal/Choral Large Ensembles, with 16+ performers, are limited to 10 minutes in length.
- Drama Small Ensembles are limited to 15 performers, and 5 minutes in length.
- Drama Large Ensembles, with 16+ performers, are limited to 10 minutes in length.
- Musical Theatre Small Ensembles are limited to 14 performers, and 5 minutes in length.
- Musical Theatre Large Ensembles, with 15+ performers, are limited to 10 minutes in length.
- Instrumental Solo or Small Ensembles are limited to 14 performers, and 5 minutes in length.
- Instrumental Large Ensembles, with 15+ performers, are limited to 10 minutes in length.

Performing Arts Entry Forms must be submitted [online here](#) no later than March 15, 2024.

Video

- Video entries are limited to 10 minutes in length.
- Video entries should be formatted as an MP4, and named as the Entry Title listed on the Entry Form.

Video Entry Forms must be submitted [online here](#) no later than March 15, 2024.

Visual Arts

2-D, 3-D, Graphic Design, and Photography Entries

- Each student may submit up to 2 entries for each category (2D and 3D); entries may not exceed 36" x 36".
- 2-D, Graphic Design, and Photography entries must be matted or front-mounted to heavy stock paper, canvas board, matboard, or foam core.
- All 2D entries must be submitted with small/medium binder clips attached to the top corners or wired for hanging.
- Each entry must be submitted with a completed Visual Arts Entry Label. Please print neatly in black ink on the label, cut on the dotted line, and tape a corresponding label to the back of each entry.
- Please note entries selected for State Travel exhibit must be matted or framed, without glass, and wired or they will not be accepted.
- Entries may not be submitted wet.
- All entries must be available through May, 2024 for the State Teen Arts Festival, and will be considered for State Awards.
- Teachers will have access to hang their student's entries at Appel Farm (457 Shirley Road, Elmer, NJ 08318) on Wednesday, April 10th.

- If you choose not to hang artwork yourself, pieces can be dropped off Monday, April 8th or Tuesday April 9th between the hours of 8:30 and 3:30.
- Entries that do not receive state nominations must be removed and taken home at the end of the Festival, by 5:00 PM on Friday, April 12, 2024.

Creative Writing

Poetry and Prose

- Each student may submit up to 2 creative writing entries.
- Poetry entries are limited to 2 pages; prose entries are limited to 4 pages.
- Entries should be imaginative student writing rather than expository essays.
- Entries may include original poetry, short story, flash fiction, drama, or novel excerpts.
- Each entry should be type-written in double spaced 12-point font, and printed one-sided, letter-sized paper with 1-inch margins.
- Entries should include the following in the top, right-hand corner of each page:
 - Student Name
 - Student Grade, Student Age
 - School, County
 - Title of Entry (required)
 - Page Number/Total Number of Pages (eg. 1/4, 2/4, 3/4, 4/4)

Creative Writing Entry Forms must be submitted [online here](#) no later than March 15, 2024.