



WQLN PBS Art Show and Contest Rules and Requirements

Eligibility & Entry Guidelines

- Entrants must be students in grades 6-12. 5th graders who attend a middle school that includes 5th grade may enter and will be included in the 6-8th grade category.
- Children of employees of PBS, PBS stations or their affiliates, sales representatives, subsidiaries or parent companies, advertising/sales promotion agencies, and judges are not eligible to win, but may still enter the show.
- To be eligible, an entrant must be a legal resident of the WQLN PBS viewing area. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify ineligible entries; such entries will not be returned.
- Only one entry per person will be accepted in this Contest; all subsequent entries will be disqualified.
- Only single-artist pieces qualify (no co-created pieces).
- Any failure to adhere to these Contest Rules may result in disqualification from the Contest.
- No purchase is necessary. Many will enter, few will win.

Art Medium, Size, and Subject Requirements

- Accepted art mediums: paint, pencil, and oil pastels
- Pieces may be no more than 16"x20" in size.
- Orientation may be horizontal or vertical.
- Art containing violence and inappropriate content and/or text will be disqualified.
- The back of the piece must be clearly labeled with the artist's name and the title of the piece.

WQLN PBS Viewing Requirement

- Entrant must watch or stream at least one episode of an art-related program on WQLN PBS.
- Program viewed must be noted where indicated on the WQLN PBS NPR Art Contest Entry Form.

Official Entry Form

- Each entry must include the official WQLN PBS NPR Art Contest Entry Form, with the required signature of a parent/guardian consenting to allowing their child to enter the Contest, confirming that the art is original, and granting certain rights to the entry materials.
- The entry form must be complete and legible to be eligible.

Judging, Awards & Notification

All entries submitted to the local Contest will be judged using the criteria from a rubric, in the categories listed below, by a panel of judges selected by WQLN. Three Judges' Choice winners will be selected in each age group (6th-8th grades, 9th-10th grades, and 11th-12th grades). Judging will occur on the dates as set forth by WQLN during our art show on April 16, 2026. All decisions of the judges are final and binding and not subject to appeal or review. Rubric Categories: Originality, Creative Expression, Use of Artistic Techniques, and Artist Statement. Winners will be notified after the art show, by April 24, 2026.

Return of Entries

The Contest administrators at WQLN will notify everyone who submits an entry when their pieces may be picked up.

Rights Associated with Contest

Submission of the Entry Form constitutes permission from the participant's parent/legal guardian for WQLN to use the participants' name, likeness, biographical information, information and materials contained in the Entry Form, photographs, and any statements or remarks made about the Contest in advertising and promotion without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. All entries, and any copyrights therein, become the sole property of WQLN. By entering, entrants' parent/legal guardian agree to abide by the above stated rules, and warrant that their child's/ward's entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate rights of any third party, and grant to WQLN the right to edit, publish, promote, and otherwise use their entry materials without permission, notice or compensation. No royalties will be paid at this or any time. By submitting an entry and Entry Form, each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of the participant, agrees to assign all right, title, and interest in and to the entry and Entry Form to WQLN and warrants that the participant's parent/legal guardian has the authority to assign such right, title, and interest. In the event that any applicable law requires certain formalities to be fulfilled to effectuate such grant of rights, each participant (and parent or guardian) agrees to cooperate with WQLN to achieve fulfillment of such formalities. By submitting an Entry Form, each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of participant, agrees to be bound by these Contest Rules. Each participant's parent/legal guardian, on behalf of the participant, agrees to release and hold WQLN, and its employees, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, representatives, subsidiaries, parent companies, or other affiliated companies harmless from any and all damages, losses, claims and liabilities arising out of participation in the Contest or resulting from acceptance or claiming of any prize hereunder. WQLN reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to terminate, suspend or otherwise cancel the Contest at any time. Income and all other taxes are the responsibility of the prize recipient. WQLN is not responsible for any expenses incurred in connection with participation in the Contest.



2026 Entry Form

Please type or print legibly

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Student's Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Circle Grade: 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Student's School _____

TITLE OF PIECE _____

Artist Statement (feel free to attach additional sheet if necessary): _____

What WQLN PBS art-related program did you watch? _____

Only one entry per student • Only single-artist pieces (no co-creators) • Art must be original work of the student • Student's name and the title of the piece must appear clearly on the back of the piece • This entry form must accompany the art submission

ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

I acknowledge that I have read the Contest rules & regulations prior to signing this and that I understand the rules

Printed Parent/Guardian Name _____ Email address _____

☐ I give permission for my child's piece to be displayed, along with their name, at the WQLN Art Show, and for images of my child's piece to be used in WQLN PBS media (social media, television, etc) for purposes of promoting the WQLN Art Show.

☐ Should my child be one of the three winners in their category, I give permission for my child's piece to be displayed, along with their first name and last initial, in our virtual gallery on the WQLN website.

Drop off entries at WQLN PBS (8425 Peach Street, Erie, PA 16509) during business hours (8:30am to 5:00pm)

Entries accepted beginning **January 1, 2026**

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE ENTRIES: 5:00pm on March 20, 2026

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