

2026 Art Exhibit Scholarship Competition

Lakeland Hills Family YMCA
100 Fanny Road, Mountain Lakes, NJ 07046

Eligibility

- Open to high school seniors graduating in 2026.
 - Students must be graduating seniors attending a High School within the Lakeland Hills Family YMCA service area.
 - Only one entry per student.
 - Entries must be the original creation of a single student. Collaborations are not allowed.
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Artwork Requirements

- Artwork must be 2-dimensional, framed, and no larger than 18" x 24".
- Must be framed with a wire for hanging or be a canvas with hanging wire.
- No poster board or card-mounted artwork will be accepted.
- Maximum weight: 15 pounds.

Accepted Mediums Include:

- Painting: Oil, acrylic, watercolor, etc.
- Drawing: Colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (*must be fixed*).
- Collage: Must remain 2-dimensional.
- Prints: Lithographs, silkscreen, block prints.
- Mixed Media: Must include at least two mediums.
- Photography

All entries must be:

- Original in concept and design.
- Free from any explicit content, including violence, drug use, or offensive language.

Submission Guidelines

- **Each high school within the Lakeland Hills Family YMCA service area may submit a maximum of 5 student entries.**
- Each student is permitted to submit only one piece.
- Schools are encouraged to conduct their own selection process to ensure that their strongest senior artwork is represented.
- Each entry must include the following clearly labeled on the front of the artwork:
 - Student's Full Name
 - Grade
 - School
 - Title of the Artwork
- All entries must be accompanied by a signed waiver releasing the YMCA from liability for damage or loss (form will be provided).
- **Deadline: Monday, April 13**
- Accepted entries will be displayed for 2 months at the Lakeland Hills Family YMCA. Students should submit only artwork that will not be needed elsewhere during that time.

Judging & Awards

- A neutral, qualified judge will select one winner.
- Judging will be based on originality, technical skill, presentation, and impact.
- The winner will be selected and receive an award of \$1,000.
- Scholarship awards will be announced and presented at the Lakeland Hills Family YMCA Annual Dinner in June.

For questions or to submit entries, please contact:

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We encourage all eligible students to showcase their creativity and compete for this exciting scholarship opportunity!