



The 11th Art Writer Award for High School Students

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Tell us the world through you

あなた越しの世界を教えてください

The Art Writer Award for High School Students is an essay contest on art. It allows students to develop the ability to convey their ideas and think about art in their own words. The 11th contest will be held over a two-year period: essays in English in 2024 and essays in Japanese in 2025.

Essays in English

Write your thoughts on art in English within 1000 words.

Topic Themes

Japanese Art / Creative Experience / Art and Life 2024

Application deadline

Monday, September 30, 2024

How to Apply

Submit your essay through the official website.
<https://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp/~awa/>



School of Art and Design, University of Tsukuba

Claude Monet. *Water Lilies*, 1906. The Art Institute of Chicago. (Partially processed image)

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Write your thoughts on art in English within 1000 words.

Topic Themes

Japanese Art

Write about Japanese art.

Creative Experience

Write about your experience of creating art work.

Art and Life 2024

Write about art and life in contemporary worldwide situations.

You may write an essay that spans more than one topic.

Application deadline: Monday, Sept 30, 2024

Announcement of Results: March, 2025 (online)

Awards

(Number of awards may change according to the volume of submissions.)

Grand Prize – 1 to 3 entries / Award for Excellence – 5 to 10 entries / Winning Entries – 10 to 20 entries

Rules

Applicants must be high school students or students attending a public institution equivalent to an upper secondary school (in Japan, mostly ages ranging from 15 to 18 years old) at the time of the application.

The essay must be written by the individual within 1000 words in English.

Please give each essay a title.

You may think and write logically about the topic like a short thesis.

You may talk about your personal feelings as you might when reminiscing.

You may also focus on reporting a topic as would a journalist.

Although “Art” will be assumed to describe visual arts focused on art and design, the essay writer is free to define art according to his or her own view.

Organizations

Hosted by the School of Art and Design, University of Tsukuba

Endorsed by InSEA (International Society for Education Through Art)

Cooperated by Turner Color Inc.

Directed by the Art Environment Support in the University of Tsukuba

Contact

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Procedures for Applying



[0] Visit the Art Writer Award for High School Students website

Get information about the award, review the awarded essays, and consider what you will write about.

<https://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp/~awa/>

[1] Write your original essay

Find a theme, research it, record it, and think about it.

Write your thoughts on art in English within 1000 words.

Please review what you have written and seek advice from friends and teachers to improve it.

[2] Start Submission

Once you have completed your essay, open the “**Application Guide**” page of our website.

Read the instructions carefully and click “**Go to Application Form**” on the page.

[3] Fill in the applicant information

You can save your answers anytime by clicking the “**Save**” button at the bottom right of the page.

[4] Fill in the title and main text of your essay.

We recommend pasting text written in other applications into the textbox.

Subheadings should be placed in [] to distinguish them from sentences.

Notes on Quotes

If you quote the thoughts or words of another person, use double quotation marks around the text (“ ”) and clarify within the body of the essay who the author is.

Example (Author’s surname publication year, quoted pages).

McClellan stated, “Art museums have never been more popular” (McClellan 2008, 1).

[5] Upload image files you want to include in your essay.

Up to 5 images can be uploaded.

Give the image a file name from Figure 1 to Figure 5.

Write a caption for the uploaded Figures.

The caption includes the title of the figure, its descriptions and its source.

Example 1: Caption for other artist’s artwork taken from a website.

(Artist’s name, *Title of the Work*, size, materials and techniques, year of creation. Name of the website, URL)

Figure 1. Katsushika Hokusai, *Under the Wave off Kanagawa from the series Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji*, 25.7 x 37.9 cm, Woodblock print; ink and color on paper, ca. 1830–32.

Metropolitan Museum of Art, <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/45434>

Example 2: Caption for other artist’s artwork taken from a book.

(Artist’s name, *Title of the Work*, size, materials and techniques, year of creation. Book author’s surname, first name. Publication year. *Book Title*, publisher, page numbers.)

Figure 2. Yayoi Kusama, *Narcissus Garden*, Stainless steel spheres, an installation in the Valley Gallery in Naoshima, 1966/2022. Ando, Tadao. 2022. *TADAO ANDO 5 Dialogues*, TOTO Publishing, 369.

Example 3: Caption for your own artwork

(Artist's name, *Title of the Work*, size, materials and techniques, year of creation. The photographer's name, etc.)

Figure 3. Alex Ashton, *Untitled*, 45cm x 35 cm, watercolor on paper, 2024. Photo by the author.

[6] List of references:

Please list the source of any quoted or referenced texts (books, websites, etc.).

Example 1: From a book

(Author's surname, first name. Publication year. *Book Title*. Publisher, page numbers.)

McClellan, Andrew. 2008. *The Art Museum from Bullée to Bilbao*. University of California Press, 25.

Example 2: From a journal article

(Author's surname, first name. Publication year. "Article Title." *Journal Title*, volume number: page numbers.)

Ashton, Alex. 2016. "Drawing on Philosophy – An Investigation of Theory in Praxis." *International Journal of Education Through Art*, 12: 271-272.

Example 3: From a website

(Author's name. "Article Title." Name of the website, URL)

School of Art and Design. "History of the School of Art and Design"

Art & Design University of Tsukuba, <https://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp>.

[7] Questions

Please answer the questions to improve our contest.

[8] Submission

After all entries are completed, press the **"Save"** button, check that all entries are correct, and then press the **"Submit"** button.

You will receive a Submission Completion e-mail.

You can download a PDF file of your submission from the Submission Completion screen and the Submission Completion e-mail.

Notes on Personal Information

Information submitted through the online application form will be encrypted and safely stored.

Any personal information submitted will be strictly managed and controlled and will only be used for this contest and research for its development.

The University of Tsukuba's School of Art and Design will hold the copyright of all submitted essays.

The University of Tsukuba may publicize essays as published material or over the internet.

Note that if the contest host decides to display a submitted essay publicly, the work may be presented with images removed for copyright reasons.