



## **Art Spark Youth Art Competition Guidelines 2025**

### **Entrants**

All entrants must attend an art school – private or public – within the suburb of The Gap, QLD 4061.

There are two (2) age grouped categories, Senior 15-19 years of age and Junior 14 years of age and under.

Entrants must be able to prove age, appropriate to the category they are entering for the whole period of the competition, judging and exhibition. i.e. If they turn 15 in May/June they should enter in the senior category even if they submit their entry in April.

### **Artwork**

Please submit pieces of original inspiration as opposed to mass produced class exercises, we want to see your creativity, flare and vision, show us who you are as an artist.

Content of artworks must be appropriate for display in a school environment.

Both 2D and 3D artwork is welcomed, size is limited to a maximum of 60cm in any dimensional direction and a maximum weight of 5kgs.

For the health and safety of those handling, judging and viewing the work please do not use bodily fluids/substances, sharp implements or any form of weaponry as media.

Entrants may submit up to a maximum of two (2) artworks per person. Please submit each artwork as its own entry email.

Artworks will be displayed online without artist details to protect identity and confidentiality of minors.

Competition artworks will not be for sale.

### **Submission Process**

Once your work is complete, please put your name, category, age, date, title and name of art school on the BACK or BOTTOM of your work. This may be adhered as long as it is secure enough to not be dislodged over the duration of the competition.

These details are important to correctly award prizes and return artwork after the competition and exhibition is complete.

Please photograph your artwork in the best possible light, this image will be uploaded online to The Gap Creative's Facebook page for public voting for the people's choice award.

To submit your entry, you must email The Gap Creative at [tgcartcomp@gmail.com](mailto:tgcartcomp@gmail.com)

Your email must include:

One unedited photograph of your work attached

Your full name

Category of entry

Age at close of exhibition – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Title of work

Media used

Name of art school

To submit your physical artwork, the work must be dry, wrapped/separated in the provided butcher's paper and placed in the gap creative art comp container provided to your art school. These submissions will be collected weekly based on email submissions.

All submissions must be emailed and available at your art school for collection by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 4pm.

## **Judging**

Judging of the two (2) categories for Winner of each category by a current, awarded and renowned Brisbane artist, independent guest judge, not a member of The Gap Creative Inc.

People's choice will be by public vote in two phases:

- The first phase is online voting via The Gap Creative's Facebook page, there will be an album for each category and votes will be counted by number of likes on each artwork. June 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2025 7pm.
- The second phase will be in person on opening night (June 20<sup>th</sup>) of The Gap Creative's Winter Solstice exhibition at the Tula Gallery on the grounds of The Gap High School where ten finalists from each category will be displayed with in person voting, each attendee will get two (2) votes, one for each category, which will be added to the online tallies to decide people's choice.

Finalist selection – there will be ten (10) finalists per category, the guest judge will select a shortlist of five (5) artworks in each category from the online competition gallery, the remaining five artworks for each category are based on the people's choice online voting, the five artworks with the most likes will become finalists.

If there is overlap between judge's shortlist and people's choice, the next most voted for artworks will be added until there are ten finalists selected per category.

All finalists will be notified via return email on their original entry of their success in making

the finalist shortlist and confirmation of the exhibition details and prize giving announcement ceremony

Winner selection – people's choice prize will be awarded by most popular artwork in each category as per the above voting system. Winner will be judged and selected by the guest judge in person at the Winter Solstice exhibition.

### **Exhibition of work**

All artworks entered will be uploaded to two (2) gallery albums organized by category on The Gap Creative Facebook page for public voting and will be promoted across our various social media. These posted images will be a photo of the artwork only, from the submission email, no names, specific ages or other identifying details will be posted to protect confidentiality given the age range of entrants.

Twenty (20) artworks total, the ten (10) finalists from each category will be put on display alongside The Gap Creative's Signature gallery exhibition Winter Solstice at the Tula Gallery on the grounds of The Gap High School 20-22 June 2025. If space permits additional youth artwork may be displayed, these will be selected based on next in line popular vote, in this case artists will be advised via email that their work will be displayed in the exhibition.

### **Prizes**

Category Winner Prize – A gift voucher to a specialty arts supply shop and an artist experience

Category People's Choice Prize – A locally made artisan ceramic art supplies organizer

The values and specifics of prizes may be subject to change and will be confirmed in the coming weeks via The Gap Creative social media

All prizes will be awarded in a ceremony at the Winter Solstice Exhibition, located at the Tula Gallery at The Gap High School on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 2:30pm following The Gap Creative Artists Panel. In the case of absence, winner will be contacted via email response to their original entry.

Winners will be publicly acknowledged on The Gap Creative social media and next edition of the Western Echo.

### **Liability**

While the greatest care and effort will be taken to prevent damage to artworks over the course of the competition and exhibition, there will be transport, installation handling and public display of finalist artwork so unforeseen issues can occur.

## **Data and Privacy**

Entry submission to the competition is via email, email addresses and personal data will not be used for unrelated promotional or marketing, just for art spark youth art competition communications.