

2025-26 UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS

HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION & COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY	All submitting artists must be attending high school in the 2025-26 academic year.
APPLICATION DUE	December 31, 2025 » 11:59 p.m.
DROP OFF WORK	January 14 & 15, 2026 » 3-6 p.m.
EXHIBITION DATES	February 2-20, 2026
RECEPTION & AWARDS	February 14, 2026 » 12-2 p.m.
PORTFOLIO REVIEWS	February 14, 2026 » 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
SUBMISSION LIMITS	Students may submit up to two (2) original works, teachers may submit work from up to ten (10) students.

Drop-off, the exhibition, receptions/awards and pick-up will be held at the **University of St. Francis MPAC Art Gallery**
500 Wilcox Street
Joliet, IL 60435

APPLY ONLINE

Visit stfrancis.edu/artgallery and click on **Annual High School Exhibition & Competition Information** for details and an application link. Submission forms may be filled out online until December 31, 2025 at 11:59 p.m.

AWARDS

One grand prize will be awarded to an eligible high school senior in the form of a USF Art & Design Scholarship. Best of show awards will be awarded in the following categories: Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Drawing/Works on Paper, Digital/Other. Winners will be announced at the reception on February 14, 2026. Students must claim their prizes in person at USF's MPAC Art Gallery.

The University of St. Francis Art & Design Scholarship is a four-year renewable scholarship awarded to one student entering a qualified program in the Art & Design Department at USF in the 2026-27 academic year. To be eligible for the grand prize scholarship, students must be high school seniors in 2026 and will be required to upload their portfolio and a one-page statement explaining why they want to major in Art & Design at USF.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

In addition to the grand prize scholarship, USF also offers a limited number of Art & Design "Talent" Scholarships. Faculty will be on-site during the February 14, 2026 reception to review portfolios of seniors interested in earning one. Preference will be given to students who participate in the portfolio review. Seniors interested in a portfolio review should email mcostello@stfrancis.edu to schedule an appointment. Bring five (5) or more works with you in digital or physical form.

Grand Prize:
USF Art & Design Scholarship
Best of Show: Painting
Best of Show: Photography
Best of Show: Sculpture
Best of Show: Works on Paper
Best of Show: Digital/Other

In addition, potential portfolio scholarships will be offered to students who find interest in studying at the University of St. Francis

