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Art & Life 2020

The 9th 高校生アトライター大賞 Art Writer Award for High School Students

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 9th contest will be held over a two-year period: essays in English in 2020 and essays in Japanese in 2021.

Essays in English

Write a 1000-English-word essay about your view on art.

Topic Themes

1. Japanese Art 2. Creative Experience 3. Art and Life 2020

Application deadline:

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How to Apply

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筑波大学
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Write about Japanese art.

2. Creative Experience

Write about your experience of creating art work.

3. Art and Life 2020

Write about art and life in contemporary worldwide situations.

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Announcement of the Awards: March, 2021 (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

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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.

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.

Essays in Japanese

The contest for essays in Japanese will be held in 2021.

Application guidelines will be published in April 2021.

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.

Please note that by submitting an essay to this award, you are agreeing to transfer ownership of copyright to the University of Tsukuba, who reserve the right to distribute essays as published material or on the internet.

Organizations

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

Endorsed by the Agency for Cultural Affairs (Government of Japan)

Ibaraki Prefecture

National Association of Art and Craft Education in High School

International Society for Education Through Art – InSEA

Cooperated by Turner Color Inc.

University of Tsukuba Social Contribution Project

Directed by the Art Environment Support in the University of Tsukuba

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Procedures for Applying

Follow the instructions on the website and submit through the official website:

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Open the Application Guide for Essays in English page.

[1] Download Template file (Word) by clicking the button at the upper part of the page.

[2] Write your essay using the Template file.

[3] Save the file for the essay using the applicant's name in English (last name_first name).
For example, Mr. Pablo Picasso's essay would be "picasso_pablo.docx".
We will only accept documents submitted in ".docx" or ".doc" Microsoft Word formats.

[4] Click "Go to Application Form" at upper right of the page and fill in the necessary items on the form.

You can save and resume your progress by clicking "Save" at the bottom of the form.

[5] Attach your essay file by clicking "Upload."

Check that you have filled all the items and click "Submit" at the bottom of the form.

The message "Your application was submitted." will be shown.

You will receive an e-mail notifying you that your submission has been completed.

Things to Keep in Mind When Writing the Essay

Title and Other Information

Fill in the file name (applicant's last name_first name), country, school name, title of the essay and the applicant's name at the top of your essay.

Main Text

You may use sub-headers throughout the main text.

Quotes and References

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.

For example: McClellan stated, "Art museums have never been more popular" (McClellan 2008, 1).
(Author's surname, publication year, quoted pages).

Make a list of references and place it after the essay.

From a book:

McClellan, Andrew. 2008. *The Art Museum from Bullée to Bilbao*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.

(Author's surname, first name. Publication year. *Title of book*. Location: Publisher.)

From a journal article:

Ashton, Alex. 2016. "Drawing on Philosophy – An Investigation of Theory in Praxis." *International Journal of Education Through Art*, 12: 271-289.

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

From the internet:

School of Art and Design. 2019. "History of the School of Art and Design." Accessed April 1, 2019. <http://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp>.

(Author's name. Publication year. "Article title." Accessed date. URL)

Make a list of figures and place it after the essay.

If you quote images from a book or other materials, list the reference as shown below:

Figure 1. A page from the instruction book for professional painters. Hokusai Katsushika, *Ehon Saishikitsu*, 1848, 54-55.

(Title of the image. Author's name, *Book title*, publication year, page numbers)

If you show images of your art work, list them as below:

Figure 2. Alex Ashton, Untitled; a drawing from my sketchbook, 2020. Photo by the author.

(Artist's name, Title of the work, year of creation. The photographer's name, etc.)

These examples use Chicago Manual of Style. Other standard styles, such as The Modern Language Association (MLA), are acceptable.

The list of reference materials is not included in the word count.

Pictures and Photographs

Show as many of the images and art works you refer to in the essay as possible.

However, rather than pasting lots of images at once in the essay, try to effectively place necessary images throughout the essay in a way that ensures things can easily be seen.

Directly paste the images within the essay file, and use the "text wrap" setting within Word so that the images and text do not end up on top of each other.

If any artistic works are used in the essay, provide a brief explanation of the work in parentheses (Artist's name, Title of work, size, materials used, technique used, year of creation, place housing the work, etc.) in the body of the essay.

Alternatively, you can provide these explanation as a caption below the image.

For example, put text in a textbox and place it below the image.

Then, use the grouping function in Word to group the text and image together.

This makes the layout easier to maintain.

If more than one image is placed within the essay, add a number to the caption for the picture in the chronological order that it appears, such as Figure 1.

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