

2026 YOUTH arts PRIZE



The Alice Springs Town Council's Youth Arts Prize is a creative art competition open to young people of all skill levels from 7 to 25 years of age. With selected art to be curated and exhibited for public viewing, all entered artworks will be judged for exhibition and prizes awarded for the best work in each artwork medium category. The Youth Arts Prize will be celebrated at a studio-based awards presentation night and exhibition in July 2026.

Prizes

*Top prize up to the value of \$500
Multiple prizes up to the value of \$300*

Eligibility

The competition is free to anyone between the ages of 7 and 25 years, who lives, works or studies within Alice Springs or the surrounding local communities. Only one entry per person will be accepted.

Art Medium Categories

The competition is open to the following art medium categories.

- Drawing/Painting,
- Wearable arts/sustainable Couture
- Sculpture

How to Enter

To submit works in the Youth Arts Prize, complete the online application form using the QR Code below on or before 5.00pm Friday 10 July 2026. Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted. All artists under 18 years of age will require parental or guardian consent provided.



Key Dates

Monday 18 May- Friday 10 July:

Entries/online submissions

Monday 13-Wednesday 15 July:

Artwork drop off at art studio

Thursday 15 July

Artwork collation and selections for exhibition

Friday 17-Saturday 18 July:

Exhibition curation

Monday 20 July:

Judging and Awards Night celebration

Monday 20 July – Saturday 25 July:

Public exhibition open

Monday 27 July

Artwork collection

Questions and Enquiries

Questions and enquiries are welcome at

ydo@astc.nt.gov.au

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Judged by expert panel via visual assessment supported by a weighted score card for consistency and fairness.

- *Drawing/Painting – Prize \$300*
- *Sculpture – Prize \$300*
- *Wearable Arts/sustainable couture – Prize \$300*
- *Peoples' Choice – Prize \$500 and chance to feature on ASTC publications*
 - *People's Choice Age Categories \$500 prize (\$1,500 in giveaways)*
 - Junior age group 7yrs – 11yrs
 - Intermediate age group 12yrs – 18yrs
 - Older age group 19yrs – 25yrs
 - *Highly Commended Age Categories \$50 prize (\$150 in giveaways)*
 - Junior age group 7yrs – 11yrs
 - Intermediate age group 12yrs – 18yrs
 - Older age group 19yrs – 25yrs

Acceptance of Terms

By submitting an entry, the entrant (and parent/guardian where applicable) confirms they have read, understood, and agree to be bound by these Terms & Conditions. The Promoter reserves the right to amend these Terms & Conditions if necessary, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Please see the full Terms and Conditions below.

Please contact us for more info: astc@astc.nt.gov.au | (08) 8950 0500

Terms & Conditions

Entry Requirements

- All artworks submitted must be the **original work** of the entrant.
- Entries must not infringe copyright, moral rights, trademark, privacy, or any other intellectual property rights of any third party.
- Collaborative works must clearly identify all contributors and may require additional consent forms.
- Artwork must
- have been created within the past 6 months.
- Each entrant may submit a maximum of 1 entry.
- Entries must be submitted by the advertised closing date. Late entries may not be accepted.

Work Presentation

We ask that all entries comply with the following guidelines.

- Artworks must be suitable for public exhibitions.
- All artwork is to be clearly labelled with the entrant's name, phone number, school and year level (if relevant), on the back of the artwork along with the medium used.
- Details for interpretive signage must be supplied, including artist name, artwork title, medium/s and narration of the works depiction.
- Drawings, paintings, photography or works on paper should be mounted on a sheet of cardboard or mountboard.
- Framing is not required. Where entrants have chosen to frame artwork, we encourage the use of Perspex. Glass is not preferred.
- Wet or uncured artworks will not be accepted.
- Artworks no larger than an A2 boarder size are encouraged.

Artificial Intelligence

AI-Generated Images are not permitted in any Class. All submitted works must be the original artworks of the entrant. Images generated or manipulated using artificial intelligence tools, including but not limited to text-to-image generators or AI-enhanced imaging software, will not be accepted in any Class and will be forfeited by competition organizers.

Award Presentation

Winners will be announced at the awards night held at the exhibition studio on **Monday 20 July 2026**. The winners' announcement will be shared on Councils social media channels (Facebook and Instagram).

The people's choice award will be voted on for the duration of the exhibition and will be announced via Councils social media channels at the conclusion of the exhibition. Group entries submitted by schools or community groups will see prize money awarded to the school or community group submitting. Individual entries will see prizes awarded to the individual artist.

Collection

All artworks will be available for collection on **Tuesday 27 July 2026** unless alternative arrangements have been made. **Items left behind** - In relation to items left behind; by submitting an entry, entrants

agree to transfer ownership of their artwork to ASTC on **Friday 31 July 2026** for the purpose of disposal or other purpose as deemed appropriate by ASTC.

Curatorial Decisions

Council reserves the right to change, deny or remove any work of art, signage or wording placed in the gallery that is deemed inappropriate, unsuitable, poorly presented or offensive to public taste. Artists and their teachers/parent/guardians will be informed of the decision.

Permissions and waiver of rights

Entry of artwork to the competition constitutes the artists permission for competition organizers to reproduce or publish the work without fee or recourse of any kind including copyright, for the purposes of promotion in print and electronic media. Entrants warrant, by completing the entry form, that the works submitted is the sole and unencumbered property of the entrant. No responsibility will be taken for damage or breakages of artwork. All care will be taken by competition organizers and staff to minimize risk or damage to entries.

Marketing Consent

Participants exhibiting in the Youth Arts Prize agree to have their work and themselves photographed for promotional purposes related to the Youth Arts Prize. This includes print media and Councils social media pages.

Parental / Guardian Consent (Required for Entrants Under 18)

If the entrant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must:

- Confirm the entrant's eligibility
- Consent to participation in the Prize
- Accept these Terms & Conditions on behalf of the entrant
- Consent to the use of the entrant's artwork, image, and name for promotional purposes

The parent or legal guardian warrants that:

- They are the lawful parent or guardian of the entrant.
- They have read and understood these Terms & Conditions.
- They provide informed consent for the entrant to participate.

The Promoter reserves the right to refuse entries if appropriate parental consent is not provided.

Questions and Enquiries

Questions and enquiries are welcome via ydo@astc.nt.gov.au or by contacting our service center on 8950 0500.