

Greetings Principals, Educators & Staff,

Welcome back, from a well-deserved fall break!

We wanted to share information about an exciting opportunity that is designed for Middle and High School students, may still be of interest to families and staff within your school community.

The **Scholastic Art & Writing Awards (2026 cycle)** are now open for submissions. This is the nation's **longest-running recognition program for creative teens in grades 7–12** (ages 13+). The Awards celebrate **originality, technical skill, and personal voice** across a wide range of art and writing categories. Students have the opportunity to earn **regional recognition, national medals, and scholarships** that can support their **college and career pathways**.

Although your students may be too young to participate directly, many have **older siblings or peers** who could benefit from learning about this program. We would be grateful if you could **share this information with families or other schools in your network**.

#### **Art & Writing Submissions Deadline**

Online registration must be completed **and** all forms/fees **postmarked by December 15, 2025** to be considered.

#### **How to Enter (3 steps)**

1. **Create an account** in the Scholastic Awards portal (students/educators link to your school or program) Click [here](#).
2. **Upload work** digitally and select the **best-fit category** (art as images; writing as files).
3. **Entry fee: \$10** per individual entry / **\$30** per portfolio. **Fee waivers** are available—no student should be turned away due to cost.

**Categories Include**, but not limited to:





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[Mixed Media](#)



[Jewelry](#)

 <p><a href="#">Film &amp; Animation</a></p>	 <p><a href="#">Fashion</a></p>
 <p><a href="#">Photography</a></p>	 <p><a href="#">Sculpture</a></p>

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### Scholarships & Recognition (highlights)

- **New York Life Award** — **\$2,500** for works exploring **grief, loss, and bereavement** (opt-in + brief personal statement).
- **Portfolio Scholarships** — up to **\$12,500** (graduating seniors).
- **American Voices & Visions** — **\$500** regional honors.
- **Best-in-Grade** — **\$500** per grade (7–12).
- **Flaunt It Award** — **\$2,000** (celebrating individuality).
- **Herblock Editorial Cartoon** — **\$2,000** (current events/social issues).
- **Educator Awards** — cash awards for educators of national winners.