

BRACE 2026 Information

Hello art teachers!

We would like to welcome you to enter your students' art in the 2026 Briarcrest Regional Art Contest & Exhibition (BRACE). Artwork must have been completed September 1, 2025 or after to be eligible for competition.

Many of you have participated in the past, and many of you are new. We are using a new way to enter your teacher information and artwork information. It is very user friendly and we no longer need for you to upload photos of your art. We will take photos once the art is dropped off and hung for continuity and to make it easier for you! You will receive an email confirmation of your submissions, which is also new and helpful. The link to register as a teacher and to upload student information is below. It will be active starting September 1st.

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The information you will need before submitting is student name, student's grade when work was completed, title of work and medium. All of this information must be correctly spelled because it is what will be printed on the placecards that will be attached to the artwork once judging is over. Please make sure to have the student's name, school and grade written on the back of the artwork.

ONLINE SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, October 5th at 11:59 pm. The registration link will shut down at that time. You can submit as early as you would like starting September 1st.

PHYSICAL ART DROP OFF: Wednesday, October 7th in our Sparks Chapel lobby 2:00-6:00 pm.

BLIND JUDGING: Tuesday, October 27th

AWARD CEREMONY: Monday, November 2nd in our Sparks Chapel at 6:30 pm.

ENTRY GUIDELINES:

2 entries per grade per teacher

1 entry per student

12 entries max per teacher

Maximum size including a mat 18x24

No sculptural, 3D or ceramic work - 2 Dimensional works only

All Charcoal, Graphite, and pastel works must be "Fixed". BRACE is not responsible for smudged works.

ART DROP OFF:

Physical art pieces must be dropped off on Wednesday, October 7th between 2:00-6:00 pm to our Sparks Chapel lobby located on our campus at 76 S. Houston Levee Rd., Eads, TN 38028. If you cannot drop your art off, you can send any representative to do it for you. We will take your art in, check it against your online entries and it will be hung in our lobby on art panels to be displayed the week before the ceremony. We have approximately 400 pieces of art entered each year for grades K-12.

JUDGING:

Blind judging will be Tuesday morning, October 27th. Results will be emailed to all teachers Wednesday, October 28th. Please notify any winning students and their parents right away so they can make plans to attend the award ceremony on Monday, November 2nd.

AWARD CEREMONY:

The BRACE award ceremony will be Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 pm in our Sparks Chapel. The ceremony is over by 7:30 pm. Winners must make every effort to attend to collect their prize. It is optional for honorable mention winners to attend.

All teachers or representatives (not parents) must pick their art up at the end of the ceremony (it will be sorted for you) regardless of whether you have winning entries or not. We cannot store art. Please verify that you have

all of your art before you leave, and that you don't have any other school's art. We have a crew of volunteers that take the art down and sort it during the ceremony.

The prizes are as follows:

1st place by grade \$100.00 cash (13 awards)

2nd place by grade \$ 75.00 cash (13 awards)

3rd place by grade \$ 50.00 cash (13 awards)

4th place by grade \$ 25.00 cash (13 awards)

Best use of color \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Art Center Memphis

Best use of mixed media \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Art Center Memphis

Best in photography \$250.00 cash

Excellence in painting \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Art Center of Memphis

Excellence in drawing \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Art Center of Memphis

Excellence of expressive quality \$250.00 cash

Clarice W. Cox watercolor award \$250.00 cash

People's choice award \$250.00 cash

Best of show - Each Division Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12 - \$250.00 cash

Amy Lange memorial art teacher award \$250.00 cash - Given to honor the teacher whose students win the most monetary awards at the 2026 BRACE.

Memphis Germantown Art League Award of Merit \$250 Cash

Honorable Mention

If you have questions, please email me and I will gladly get an answer for you! I will be sending periodic reminders. Please share this with any art teacher friends you have in our area!

Thank you!