



# Art Says It

## Purpose

To offer participants an opportunity to use their talents, skills, and artistic abilities via art media to communicate a biblical message related to the annual convention theme.

## Event Participation

1. Art Says It is an individual event. While adult guidance is appreciated, the creation and production of the artwork must be the responsibility of the student.
2. Participants in grades 3 through 12 are divided into the following grade divisions for all categories, except Bulletin Board and Poster (grade divisions listed below):

Grades 3-4	Grades 5-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12
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3. Pre-K through grade 2 and Bartimaeus participants may participate in a non-competitive area of Art Says It. See the Art Says It (Display Only) section for information.
4. Individuals may only submit one entry per category in any of these five categories:
  - Drawing/Sketching: pen/ink, pastel, chalk, crayon, charcoal stick and pencil, graphite pencil, and colored pencil
  - Painting: oil, tempera, watercolor, acrylic, and airbrush
  - Photography: original or digitally enhanced
  - Poster: Grades 3-6 only (two grade divisions: 3-4 and 5-6 for evaluations)
  - Bulletin Board: Examples include seasonal decoration, information on mission works, camp or other activities of the church, or a Bible lesson or concept depicted (grade divisions for Bulletin Board only are 3-4; 5-6; 7-9; 10-12)
5. In order to speed up the process of turning in artwork at convention, prior to turning it in, participants or group leaders should use a dot sticker on the front of the artwork to indicate the grade division of the student and a code for the category (list is below). If you are unable to do this prior to convention, it will be added when it is turned in. For conventions with multiple colors, it is important that your dot sticker be the correct color for your group's color division. The Art Says It entry form (available in a later section of this rulebook) is to be attached to the back of the entry.
  - DS for Drawing/Sketching
  - PA for Painting
  - PH for Photography
  - PO for Poster
  - BB for Bulletin Board

## Event Rules and Guidelines

Entries in each of the four categories will be judged for construction, content and creativity.

1. Construction (Type of Material):

Effective Use of Materials/Media – Workmanship should reflect the thought and time that the artist took in creating the piece, as well as overall quality, including neatness and composition.
2. Content (Topic of Work):

Emphasis should be on glorifying God, serving others and imitating Christ. Artwork should adequately reflect the theme of the convention.

3. Creativity (Design):  
Originality – uniqueness  
Design – layout, neatness, organization  
Overall Appeal – impression (this is very subjective)
4. Refer to the Evaluation Forms section of this rulebook to see the forms that will be used by the judges in this event. This will help the student in preparation for the event to see exactly what the judges will be looking for.

### **General Rules for Construction, Content, and Creativity**

1. The artwork entries for Painting and Drawing/Sketching must be at least 8 1/2" x 11", but must not exceed 16" x 20". Entries are NOT to be matted or framed to allow for concentration on the artwork and not the embellishments. A penalty deduction of five points will be applied to entries with frames and/or mattes. No "paint by numbers" will be accepted. Please make arrangements for the artwork to safely travel to convention without getting damaged.
2. Photo entries for Photography may be color or black and white. All photo entries must be at least 4" x 6" and must not exceed 8 1/2" x 11". Entries are NOT to be matted or framed to allow for concentration on the photo and not the embellishments. A penalty deduction of five points will be applied to entries with frames and/or mattes. Photos may be digitally enhanced and may include a title, if desired.
3. Posters should be on standard poster board (22 inches by 28 inches). No copyrighted figures (such as cartoon figures) may be used, unless written permission is acquired. Participants must be in grades 3-6. There will be two grade divisions for evaluations: 3-4 and 5-6.
4. Bulletin Board entries are submitted at convention as an 8x10 landscape photograph. No mattes or frames. No digital enhancement is allowed. Copyrighted figures (such as cartoon figures) may not be used, unless they are purchased for use on bulletin boards or you have approval to use them. Titles and lettering are not required on bulletin boards, but the bulletin board must clearly convey a thought. Taking one item off a bulletin board and putting another up is not acceptable. Background paper/cloth may remain the same, but the border and all items on the bulletin board must be new to the board. Ideas may come from a bulletin board book or another source but the overall composition and scheme must be your own. Since this bulletin board is to benefit the church or classroom, a mentor/teacher should guide the student toward appropriate choices and make sure the work meets a high standard. The mentor/teacher should give suggestions, but do none of the work.
5. Titles and descriptions are not required for art entries, but may be included, if desired, to better associate the work with the annual convention theme.
6. Do NOT sign your work prior to the judging. Neither the student's name nor congregation should appear on the face of the entry.
7. Do not enter artwork which previously has been entered in an L2L Art Says It event. Only new entries are acceptable.
8. A copy of the Art Says It Entry form found in a later section of this rulebook should accompany each entry.
9. Artwork must be received at the Art Says It registration desk on Friday at the scheduled time (see Convention Schedule of Events) and should remain on display until the posted time on Saturday. Art registration will officially close at the scheduled time of the judges' meeting (check Convention Schedule of Events). Art entries received after that time will be accepted and added to the tables for judging ONLY AS TIME ALLOWS. After judging begins, art will be accepted for display only.
10. Groups are responsible for picking up all artwork by the posted time on Saturday. Items left behind will usually be discarded in the trash by the hotel staff.
11. Each entry is eligible for only one award. A student may enter only one piece of art in a category. The same piece of art cannot be judged in more than one category.

## Judging

1. Based on the above rules, artwork will be judged according to the official evaluation form included in the Event Rulebook.
2. Three to five judges (preferably with art backgrounds) will work independently to examine and score each art entry. The combined rankings of all the judges will determine the winners. Each congregation must provide one qualified judge for each four art entries based on the following example: one judge for the first 1-4 entries; 2 judges for 5-8 entries, etc.
3. Penalties
  - Any self-identification by a participant shall be penalized three points, with the exception of Bulletin Board entries.
  - Entries that do not meet the size requirements previously stated shall be deducted five points.
  - Entries with mattes or frames will be penalized five points.
  - Improper use of a copyrighted image, such as cartoon characters, will be penalized ten points.
4. For more information on serving as a judge, check out the informative videos on our website here - <https://www.lads2leaders.com/training/>

## Awards

- The Art Gallery concept that encourages people to view the students' entries has been expanded to allow more time to view the art and reduce the crowd from all being in the room at one time. The room will open after judging is completed. It will remain open for approximately 24 hours. This will allow for more time to view the entries without being rushed.
- Additional signage will be used to make locating the art items easier.
- In order for as many people as possible to see the entries, we ask that students leave their artwork in place until close to the posted closing time on Saturday.
- There will be a list of place winners posted in the Art Gallery Room where the entries are displayed. Another list will be posted at the Information Booth.
- Additionally, each of the entries that place in the top three and all finalists will be marked with a small ribbon placed on the entries at the conclusion of judging. This will allow those viewing the entries to know which ones placed, as well as giving photo ops with the students and their entries at their convenience. You can share these photos on Instagram or Facebook using the designated hashtag for the year so that we can possibly use them on the screens before the awards ceremonies.
- All award winners will be called to the stage in groups to receive their ribbons and have photo opportunities on stage.

First, second, and third place awards will be given in each of the grade divisions for each category. When the number of entries in a category exceeds 20 in any one grade division, finalist awards will also be given. Winners in Painting and Drawing/Sketching categories may have the opportunity to help with illustrating Bible curriculum for young kids.