



**Scholastic
Art & Writing
Awards**

Alliance for
Young Artists
& Writers

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Dear Friends of the Scholastic Awards,

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and its Affiliate Partners. Since 1923, the Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth. Each year, increasing numbers of teens participate in the program—with the encouragement of countless educators, caregivers, and local supporters. Thank you all for being a part of our community.

As we approach our centennial celebration, we are laying the groundwork for our next century of work in service to creative teens. An important part of our planning is ensuring local programs are sustainable and have the resources they need to support the young artists and writers in your community.

After much thought and time spent conferring with our partners, and with the support of our Board of Directors, we have determined that in order to meet these goals and create a program worthy of our participants' talent, we must increase the fee for submissions.

Our schedule for individual submission fee increases is as follows:

- The fee will increase from \$5.00 to \$7.00 in fall 2019 for the 2020 Awards program year.
- The fee will increase to \$10.00 in fall 2022 for the 2023 Awards program year.

The fee for portfolios will increase as follows:

- The fee will increase from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for the 2020 Awards program year.
- The fee will increase to \$30.00 for the 2023 Awards program year.

As we have in previous years, if these submission fees present a significant barrier to a student's participation and they submit a Fee Waiver Form, we will waive their submission fee. Each student and family should make this determination for themselves.

As we look to the future and the rising costs of running local and national programs, these submission fees will help us provide students with the high-quality opportunities, scholarships, and encouragement they've come to expect from us and that will enable them to grow as artists and writers.

Participating in the Awards is for many teens a life-changing experience, encompassing more than the chance to earn a certificate for good work. Through our local and national exhibitions, our publications, scholarship programs and workshops, millions of teens have been positively affected by our celebration of their creativity. All of this, however, is thanks to the support and hard work of our community. We thank our Affiliate Partners, educators, parents and families, and all who are helping us recognize the next generation of great artists and writers.

All good wishes,

Virginia McEnerney
Executive Director