



CALL FOR ENTRIES

Florida State Fair Art Portfolio Contest for High School Seniors

Exhibition Dates: February 4 – 15, 2027

ENTRIES DUE BY December 4, 2026

Why Compete?

The Florida State Fair is so much more than rides, midway food & livestock exhibitions! Last year we had over 450,000 visitors visit the Florida State Fair. Many of those individuals came primarily to see the various exhibits that were on display. They particularly enjoyed seeing the artwork from the most talented students across the state!



Contest Information

The Art Portfolio Contest for High School Seniors is the highlight of the Fair's Youth Art Competitions. This is an excellent opportunity for High School Seniors in Florida to showcase their artwork, build their resume, and, of course, win scholarship money for continuing their education. 32 portfolios will be accepted for the exhibition, along with 30-40 individual pieces for the Wall of Excellence. This year, we are fortunate to have the Florida Dairy Farmers as our sponsor. Florida's dairy farmers work hard every day to provide delicious and nutritious dairy products like milk, cheese, and yogurt that fuel creative young minds.

\$10,000 in scholarship money will be awarded this year!

First Place: \$3000 • Second Place: \$2000 • 10 Awards of Merit: \$500 each

If selected, **you will NOT need to send original artwork**, as we will be printing digital images of your work for the final exhibition. We look forward to exhibiting your fresh, creative talent at the Florida State Fair from February 4 – 15, 2027.

Important Dates

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| DEC 4 | DEADLINE for ENTRIES. All entries must be completed online at
https://juriedartservices.com/events/4216 |
| DEC 16 | Notification of acceptance for exhibition e-mailed to student & teacher.
All artwork in the exhibition will be digitally printed and displayed at the Florida State Fair. Detailed instructions will be included in the acceptance packet.

The 32 student artists' portfolios that are accepted to exhibit at the Fair may be asked to submit high-resolution digital files of 3 - 5 selected images from their portfolio. Also, approximately 30-40 individual pieces will be chosen for the Wall of Excellence and they will need to submit a single high-resolution digital file. |
| JAN 8 | Awards recipients will be notified by email |
| JAN 15 | Online Public preview is available |
| FEB 4-15 | 2027 Florida State Fair: The exhibit will be located at the Florida Center on the Florida State Fairgrounds. |

*A special acknowledgment to **Juried Art Services**,
for their support and sponsorship.*



Eligibility Requirements

Open to **ONLY** high school senior art students in the 12th grade

Students must be a Florida state resident or must reside in the state of Florida

Students can apply from either public, charter, private, or home schools

Scholarship Awards

First Place: \$3000

Second Place: \$2000

Ten (10) Awards of Merit: \$500 each



Competition Requirements

All work must be original and completed within the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.

There is NO entry fee!

Students must submit their "Art Portfolio Contest for High School Seniors" application using an online application service called Juried Art Services. Juried Art Services allows you to complete an entry form as well as upload images of your portfolio for judging.

Apply online at: <https://juriedartservices.com/>

Look for Florida State Fair logo on their home page.

See pages 5-13 for step-by-step instructions: How to create a digital portfolio and uploading portfolio to Juried Art Services.

Portfolio: Students must upload a completed portfolio consisting of at least 7, but not more than 10 images of original artwork.

Headshot: In addition to the 7-10 images of original artwork, students must submit a headshot of yourself at the time you submit your portfolio pieces. Just your head and shoulders. Digital Image can be 8" x 10" at 300 DPI. Please do not submit full-body images; they will be cropped to just a head and shoulder image. Try not to do "selfies" as they look unprofessional.

Work can be either **2-D** or **3-D** and be incorporated into any medium.

- ✓ **2D work includes:** painting in any media, drawing, pastels, pen & ink, photography, printmaking, digital art (computer-generated art) and 2D mixed media.
- ✓ **3D work includes:** Sculpture, ceramics, wood, fiber arts, jewelry, metalwork, glass, 3D mixed media, and art installations.

Artist Statement

Provide an artist statement when submitting your online application (This is not a biography). Tell us why you create art and what your art is all about.

Limit artist statement to 1000 Characters.

Tips to writing an artist statement

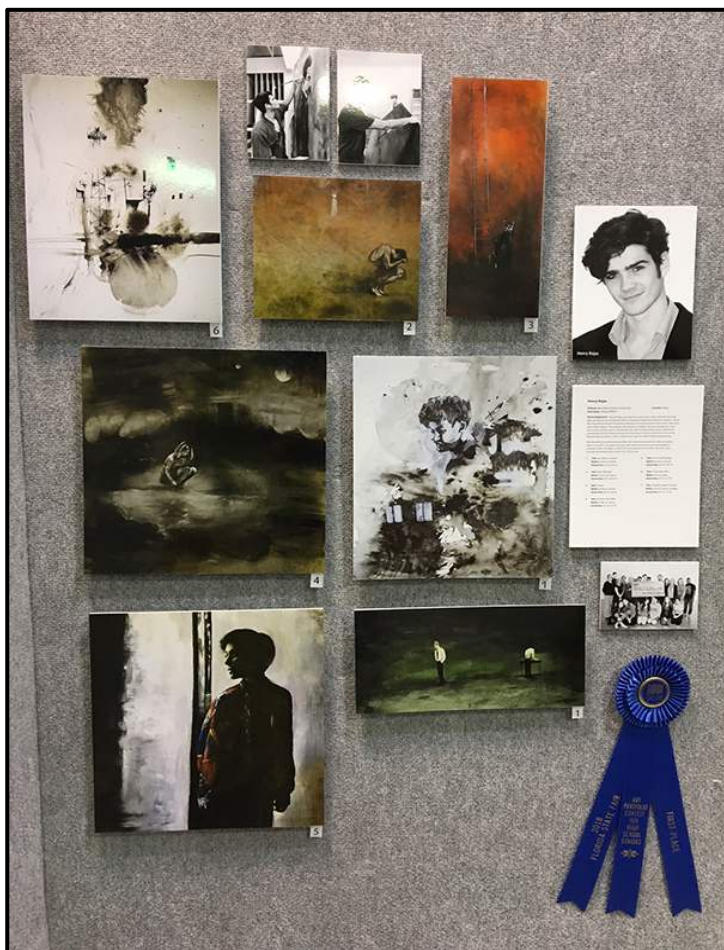
- ✓ **Keep the statement simple...** Write as if you were speaking to someone in person and explaining your art/process. What would you want someone to know about you and your artwork if you were not there to explain it.
- ✓ **Explain what motivates or inspires you as an artist...** maybe your choice of subject matter or do you have any personal influences.
- ✓ **Explain how you do what you do...** Don't get technical; just describe in a few sentences your artistic process.

Guidelines for jurying:

- ✓ Portfolio artwork shows creative and personal expression; demonstrates technical competency in the medium(s) presented, and communicates a clear visual intent and vision. **Students can submit up to two portfolios as long as they are distinctly different from each other.**
- ✓ Jury selection is made with regards to the **entire cohesive body of work**, not on individual pieces of artwork. ***See example below.***
- ✓ A juried committee consisting of artists, professional art curators, and art educators will be select award recipients.
- ✓ Art reproduced or rendered from the works of masters, from advertisements, materials from published sources, or widely circulated photographs (other than the student's photos) is **NOT** considered original.
- ✓ Artwork must be suitable for all audiences and should not contain profane words or obscene content.

**All artwork that is in the exhibition will be digitally printed and displayed.
No original artwork is needed to exhibit in this contest if accepted.**

Examples of a cohesive body of work



Acceptance, Notification and Exhibition Requirements

Students and teachers will be notified of their acceptance into the exhibition by email by **Wednesday, December 16, 2026.**

Students with accepted portfolios will receive detailed instructions regarding any additional materials needed.

At least 3 - 4 pieces of artwork from each of the 32 accepted student portfolios will be chosen to be on exhibit. The images will be digitally printed and displayed at the Florida State Fair in the Florida Center Building during the 2027 Fair. Address: 4800 US Hwy. 301 North, Tampa, FL 33610. The Florida Center Building is closest to the Martin Luther King Blvd. Entrance.

All students, parents and teachers will be invited to see the exhibit at the Florida State Fair grounds. Those attending will receive FREE admission tickets to the Fair for themselves and their family.

There will be 12 scholarships awarded by the Florida State Fair. Scholarship checks will be sent directly to the student by the end of March. The winners will be notified by email prior to the opening of the Fair by **January 8, 2027.**

NOTE: *Instructions and Scholarship Certificate will be discussed at that time.*

For more information contact Brenda Gregory at 813-215-8906 **OR** email brenda.gregory@earthlink.net.

How to create a digital portfolio and upload portfolio to Juried Arts Services

<https://floridastatefair.com/apcfhss/>

Video instructions are available at Juried Art Services - tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/@TheArtistSeenYT/videos>

Enter Online at Juried Art Services: <https://juriedartservices.com/events/4216>

2026 Winners of the Florida State Fair Art Portfolio Contest for High School Seniors

https://floridastatefairgrounds.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/REVISED-2026_FLSF-Art-Portfolio-Contest_Accepted-Portfolios.pdf

Technical support is available at Juried Art Services: <https://juriedartservices.com/contact>



How to create a digital portfolio and upload portfolio to Juried Art Services

All detailed instructions are available at Juried Art Services - tutorial:

<https://juriedartservices.com/help/contact-support>

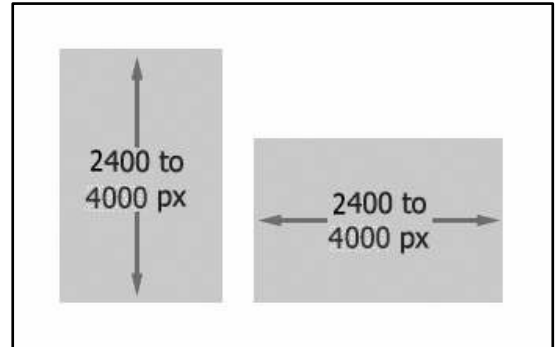
Technical support is available at Juried Art Services: Email: support@jurying.net

Steps to submitting an application online

Prepare your images: Before starting the online application have your portfolio images prepared.

Write your Artist Statement and have it ready to copy and paste into the application.

Images must be no less than 2400 pixels on the smallest side, and no more than 4000 pixels on the widest side. See below for detailed instructions.



Images must be of high enough resolution to be used to produce prints for the exhibition

Do not submit images taken with a camera phone or designated as "web ready"

Set camera at "extra fine" or "fine" resolution

Images must be JPG files with the .jpg extension

Image size should be no smaller than 2400 pixels (8 inches) on the smallest side and no more than 4000 pixels on the widest side

Images should be 300 PPI (Pixels Per Inch)

Recommended color mode is RGB

Saved images should be oriented correctly for the viewer (Not upside down or sideways)

Images that are of poor quality or improper resolution will not be accepted

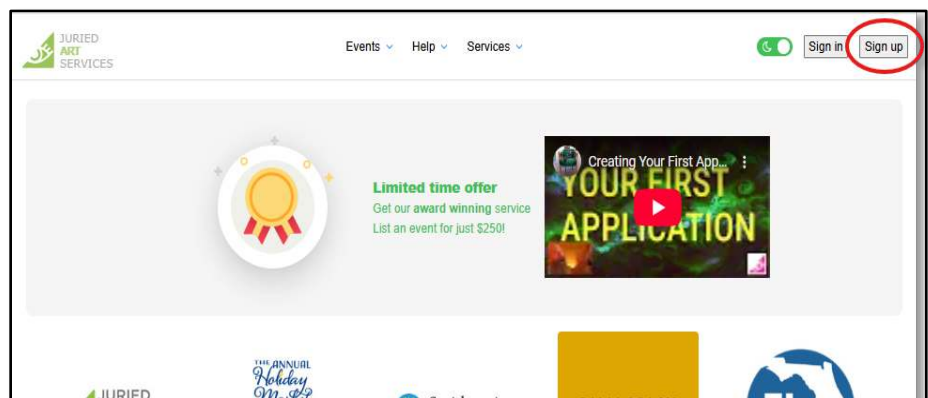
Digital File names of images in this format: last name_image number.jpg

For example: Brenda Gregory's image 3 would have a file name: **gregory_3.jpg**

Complete the New Member Registration

GO TO: <https://juriedartservices.com/>

SELECT the
"Sign up" button



1) Create your account

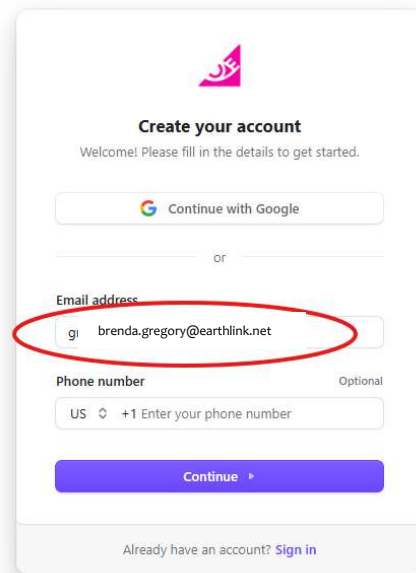
Use your email address to "Sign Up"

You will be asked to verify your email

A verification code will be sent to your email address

To verify you email, **ENTER** code from email

SELECT "continue" button to go to the "Complete Your Registration" page



2) Complete Your Registration

Fill in the fields described below

SELECT the "Register" button



Once you **SELECT** "Register" you are taken to an "Open Events" page.

At this point you can start to **complete your application** or **Sign out** to complete at a later time.

To go to the application **SELECT** the "Florida State Fair Art Portfolio Contest" link.
Look for Florida State Fair Logo

JURIED ARTS SERVICES

Events ▾ My Apps ▾ Account ▾ Help ▾

Open Events

Clear Filters

Event Name	Type	Sponsor	Start Date	End Date
COPY COPY Dev test event	Exhibition or Competition	Test Sponsor	8/5/2025	8/16/2025
The Five Points Holiday Market	Craft Show	Bronze Ancor Studios	8/1/2025	9/22/2025
The 44th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show		Smithsonian Women's Committee	5/5/2025	9/16/2025
PALM BEACH FINE CRAFT SHOW 2026		Palm Beach Show Group	4/3/2025	11/3/2025
Florida State Fair Art Portfolio Contest	Exhibition or Competition	Florida State Fair Authority	8/28/2025	12/5/2025
29th Annual Downtown Dungeness Art Fair	Art Fair	Howard Alan Events	7/3/2025	12/30/2025

How to Sign Out

If you decide to return to complete the application at a later time.

Sign out of "Juried Arts Services"

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Events ▾ My Apps ▾ Account ▾ Help ▾

Open Events

Manage account Sign out

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3) Complete your Application

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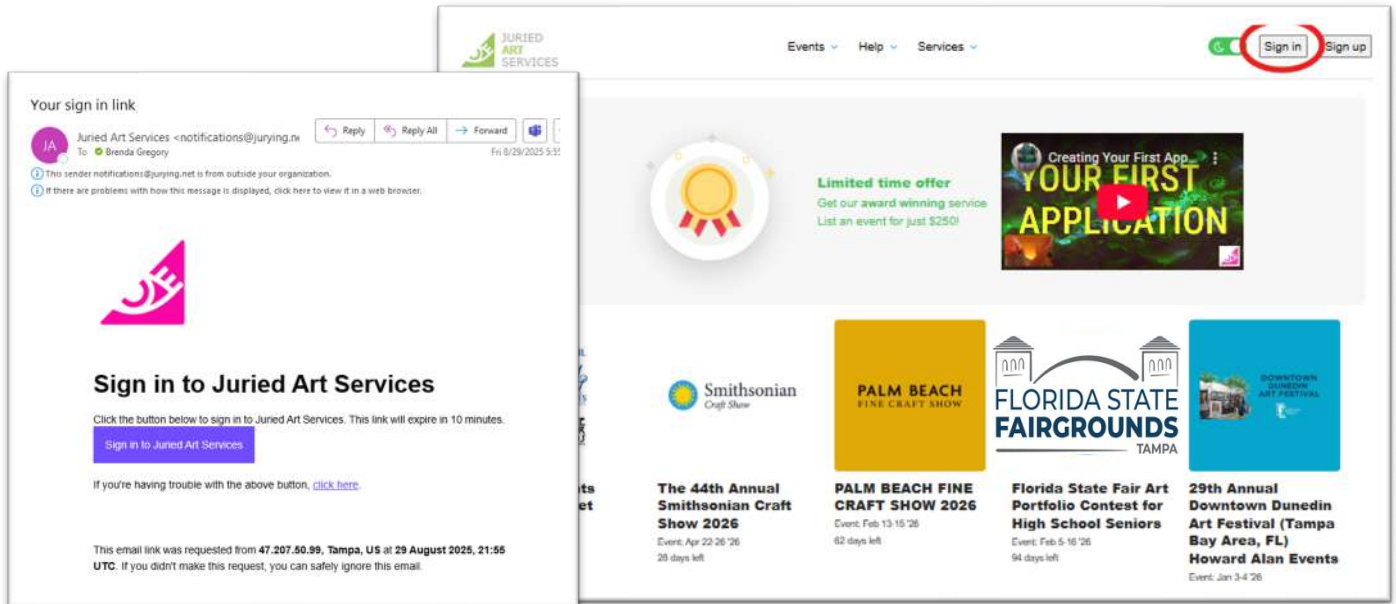
SELECT the "Sign in" button

You will be asked to verify your email

A verification code will be sent to your email address

To verify you email, **ENTER** code from email

SELECT "continue" button to go to the Juried Art Services home page

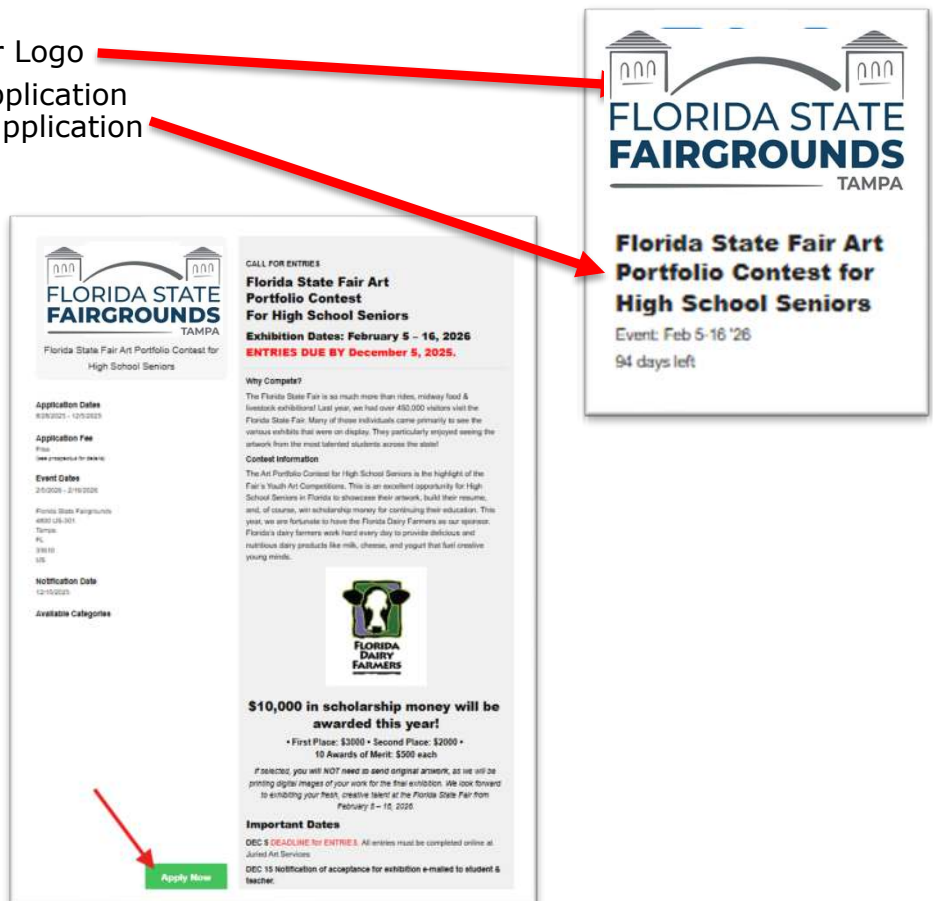


Look for Florida State Fair Logo

SELECT the link to the application
This will take you to the application landing page.

SELECT "Apply Now"
button at the bottom
of the page.

Remember this
show is for
high school
seniors only



3) Complete your Application... *continued*

Once at the actual application you will see your **Primary Artist Profile** information down the left-side of the page.

Check to ensure that this information is accurate

If edits need to be made

SELECT the "Edit Artist".

NOTE: To get back into the application after editing your "Primary Artist Profile" you will **GO TO:**

<https://juriedartservices.com/events/2257>

SELECT the category that best describes your artwork

Category

- ☐ 2D: Mixed Media
- ☐ 3D Mixed Media
- ☐ Architectural
- ☐ Art to Wear - Fashion
- ☐ Ceramics
- ☐ Digital Art
- ☐ Drawing (pastels, pencil, ink)
- ☐ Fiber
- ☐ Glass
- ☐ Installation
- ☒ Jewelry
- ☐ Metal
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Printmaking
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Wood

\$10,000

If selected, printing digit to

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Tell us why you create art and what your art is all about. (See page 2 for tips)

Limit artist statement to 1000 characters.

Complete all the fields in the application

SELECT the "Create New Application" button

This will take you to the page to upload your portfolio images

Creating Your First Application!

YOUR FIRST APPLICATION

First Time Applicant

Is this the artist's first time applying to this event?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Primary Artist Profile **Edit Artist** Collaborating Artist's Name (optional)

Brenda R Gregory

Email: brenda.gregory@earthlink.net

Address: 1234 Oak Avenue

Address 2: Apt. 104

City: Tampa

State/Province: FL

Zip/Postal: 33605

Country: AE

Phone: +1 (813) 215-8906

Website:

Category

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Exhibition Dates: FEB 5-16 2026

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Contest Information

The Art Portfolio Contest for High School Seniors in Florida to show and, of course, win scholarship money. Last year, we are fortunate to have the Florida's dairy farmers work hard to produce nutritious dairy products like milk and cheese.

Artist Statement *

As a high school student I have always enjoyed science, engineering, and art. I find that jewelry making ...

Words: 19, Characters: 104

What grade are you currently in? *

12

Words: 1, Characters: 2 / 1000

Name of school? *

Lake Brantley High School

Words: 4, Characters: 25 / 1000

Name of teacher? First and Last Name *

Mary Hill

Words: 2, Characters: 9 / 1000

Teacher's email? *

M.Hill@scps.net

Words: 1, Characters: 15 / 1000

County of residence? *

Seminole

Words: 1, Characters: 8 / 1000

Create New Application

Cancel

teacher.

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JAN 9 High-resolution digital files

The 32 student artists' portfolios may be asked to submit high-resolution files from their portfolio, along with a list of individual pieces will be chosen to submit a single high-resolution file.

JAN 10 Awards recipients will be announced

JAN 16 Online Public preview of the exhibition

FEB 5-16 2026 Florida State Fair Center on the Florida State Fairgrounds

Eligibility Requirements

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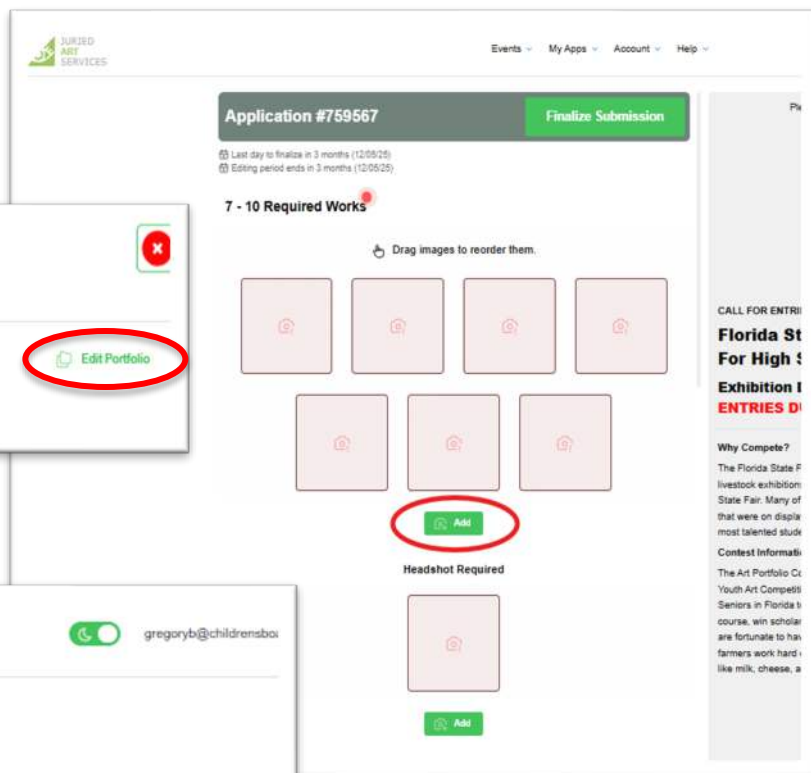
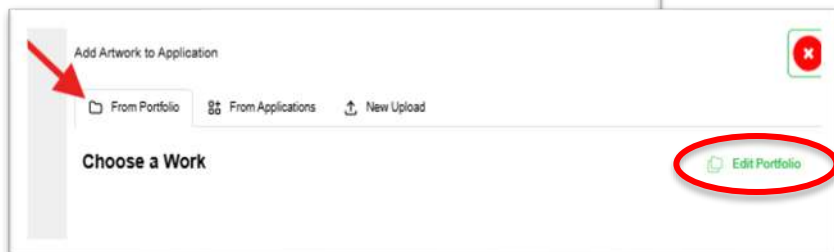
- All work must be original and created within the last year
- There is **NO** entry fee!

4) Uploading portfolio images and headshot to your application

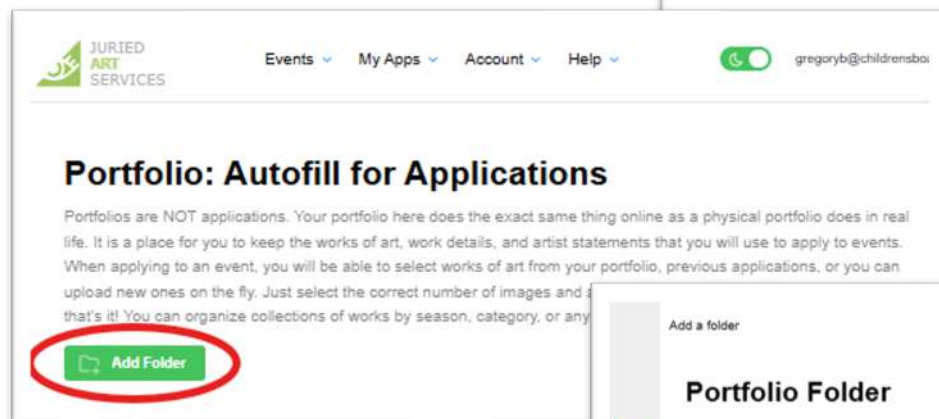
SELECT the "Add" button

You will be taken to a page called **"Add Artwork to Application"**

SELECT the "From Portfolio" Tab



SELECT the "Add Folder" button

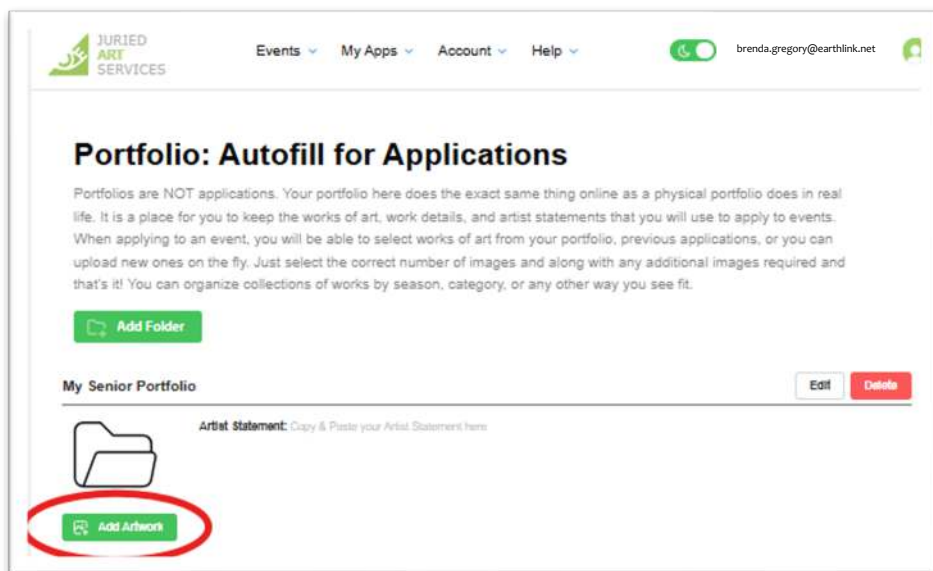
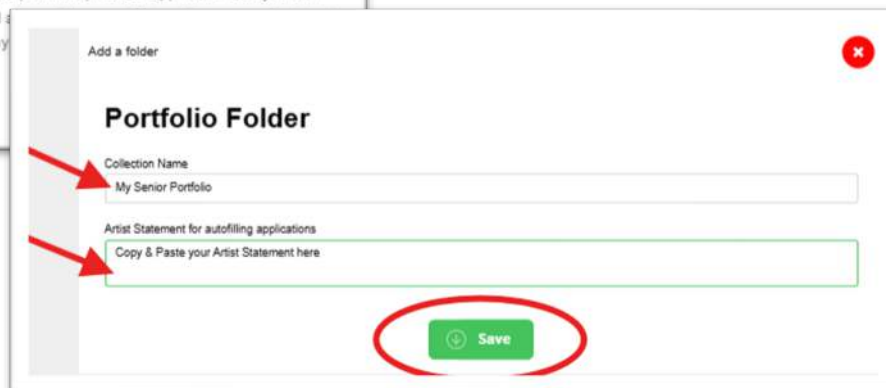


NAME your collection.

You will need to add your **artist statement** again. Copy and paste into the "Artist Statement" field.

SELECT the "Save" button

This will take you to the "Portfolio: Autofill for Applications" page

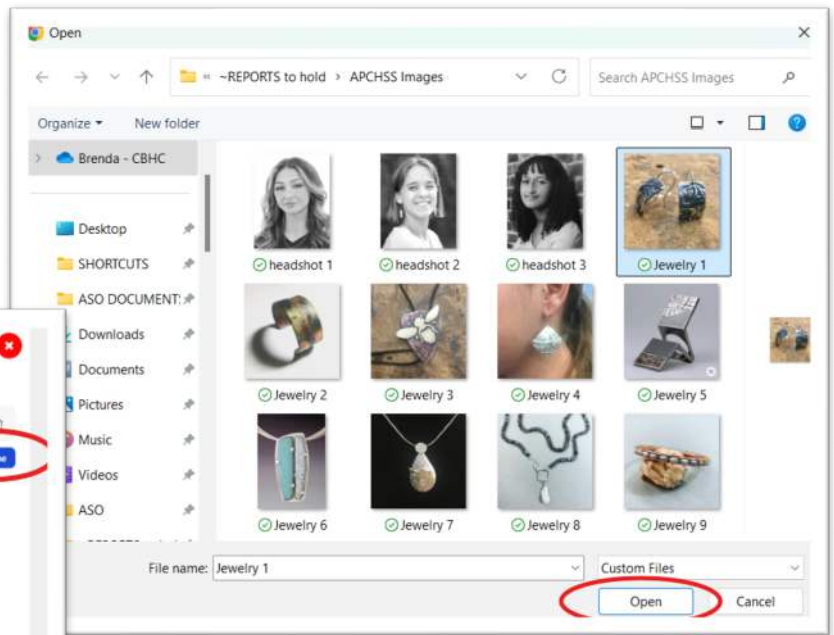
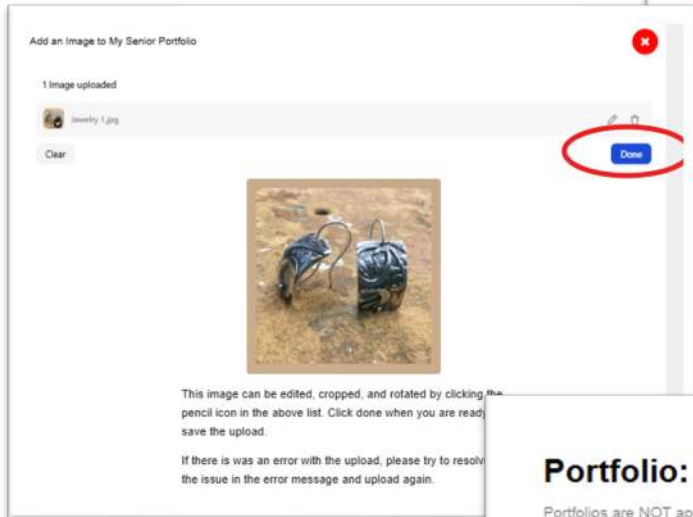


Navigate to where your images are on your computer.

SELECT one image at a time.

You will see it load to the page.

SELECT "Done" button when image has uploaded



You will see it load to the page.

SELECT the "Add Artwork" button to add another image to your portfolio, until all images are added

Add your headshot to the portfolio

Portfolio: Autofill for Applications

Portfolios are NOT applications. Your portfolio here does the exact same thing online as a physical portfolio does in real life. It is a place for you to keep the works of art, work details, and artist statements that you will use to apply to events. When applying to an event, you will be able to select works of art from your portfolio, previous applications, or you can upload new ones on the fly. Just select the correct number of images and along with any additional images required and that's it! You can organize collections of works by season, category, or any other way you see fit.

[Add Folder](#)

My Senior Portfolio

[Edit](#) [Delete](#)



Artist Statement: Copy & Paste your Artist Statement here



[Remove](#)

[Add Artwork](#)

Add an Image to My Senior Portfolio

1 Image uploaded

headshot 2.jpg

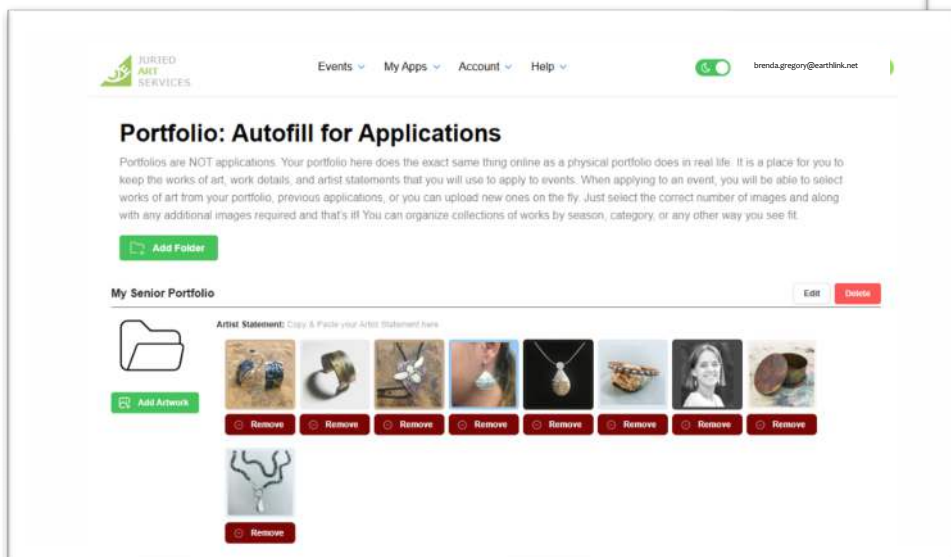
[Clear](#)

[Done](#)



This image can be edited, cropped, and rotated by clicking the pencil icon in the above list. Click done when you are ready to save the upload.

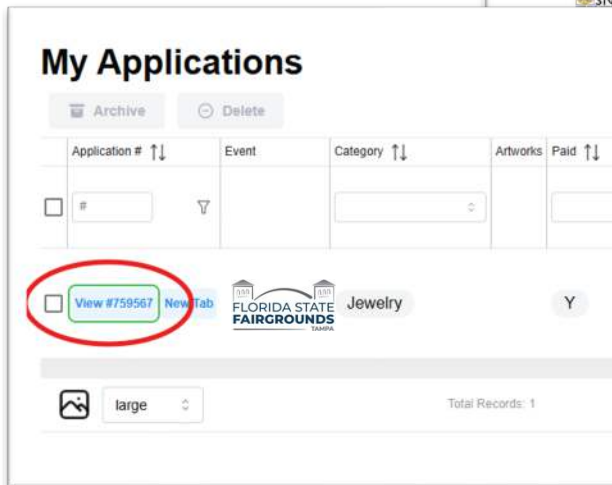
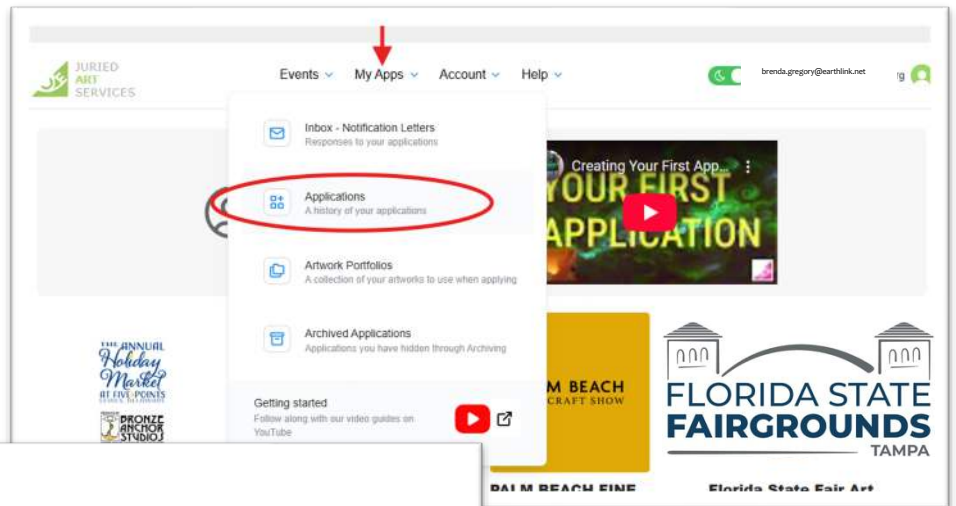
NOTE: if you want to Edit the image, SELECT the "Edit" icon. The Edit feature allows you to crop, rotate, flip, mirror & tune an image.



Load images from your "Portfolio Folder" to your application

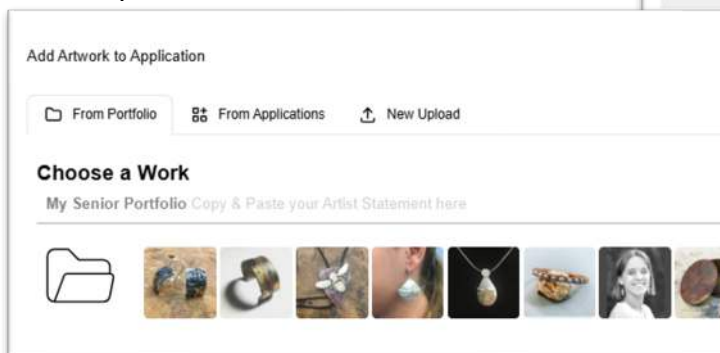
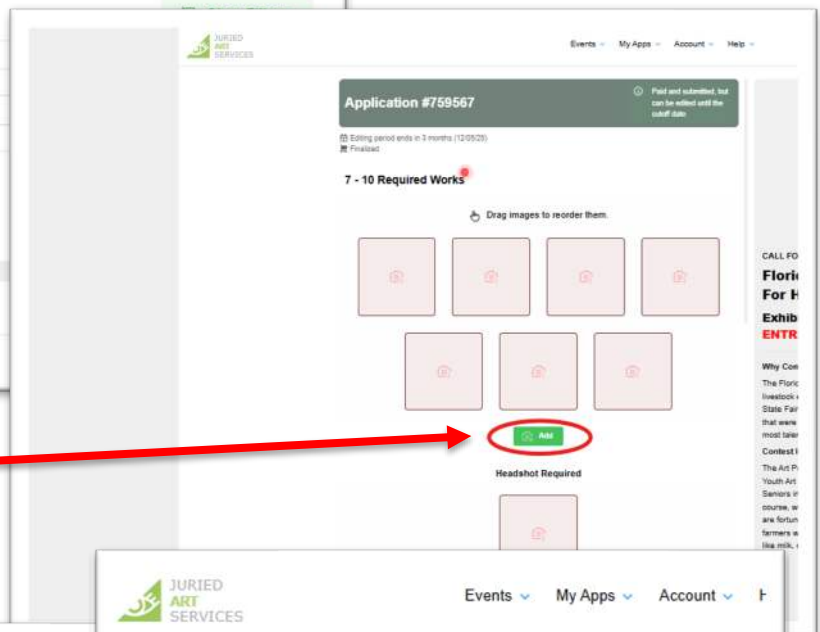
Return to the "Home Page"
SELECT the "My Apps"
dropdown Tab to go to
your "Applications" page.

SELECT your application.



SELECT the "Add" button. This takes
you to the page where all your images
are stored.

SELECT the image(s) that you want
to upload

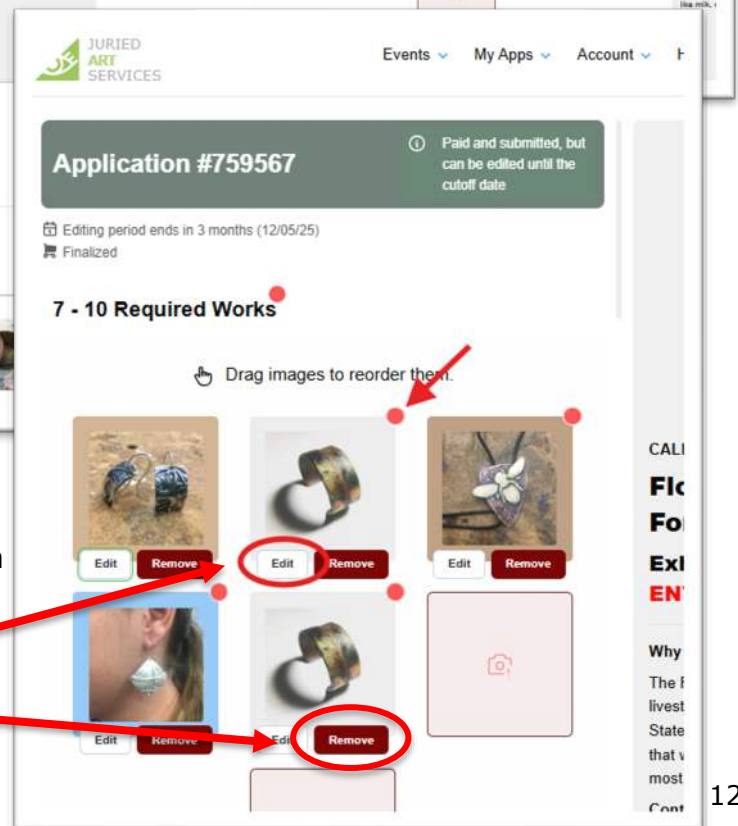


They will load to your application.

If there is a **RED dot** to the right of your
image you need to complete the information
needed to describe each piece.

SELECT the "Edit" button for each image
to add specific information on each piece.

SELECT the "Remove" button to delete a
duplicate image



It is best to complete the **Artwork Requirements** while you are completing the application.

SELECT the "Save" button

Every piece will need to have this information.

Upload your headshot

Application #759567

7 - 10 Required Works

Drag images to reorder them.

Headshot Required

Edit Artwork #2948455

Remove from Application

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Artwork Name/Title *

Fused Abstract Series #1

Height * Width * Depth * Units of Measure *

1 0.5 0.5 Inches

What material were used to create your artwork? *

Sterling Silver

Save

SELECT the "Save changes" button at the bottom of the page.

NOTE: You can edit your images at anytime before the application deadline date.

Sign In to Juried Art Services

From the **My Apps** dropdown **SELECT** "Applications"

SELECT the "View #app" link

You should be able to edit images or change copy in any of the application fields.

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Or autofill your Artist Statement from here

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