

Youth Art Month Artwork Requirements and Guidelines:

- Final size of the work, including mat or top mounting, may not be larger than **22 in x 26 in x 2 in**.
- **All work, except canvas board or stretched canvases, must be matted** or top mounted on sturdy mat, tag board or foam core. The color of the mat must compliment and unify the artwork, not become more important than the artwork.
- **Canvas board or stretched canvas must be ready to hang** for display with a picture framing wire or hanging device. The edge of the stretched canvas should be finished/painted. If the label for the front of the artwork cannot be attached to the canvas, please have the label mounted on a heavier tag board. **NO FRAMED (GLASS) WORK ACCEPTED!**
- **Any work made with smeary media (i.e. pastel, oil pastel, charcoal, ebony pencil etc.) must be covered with plastic/Mylar.** Other artwork may also be covered with plastic or Mylar if you desire, it keeps the work clean and safe.
- Remember it is your responsibility to take the necessary precautions to protect your artwork! •No group pieces, all artwork must be created by one individual student.
- The National Gallery of Art has excellent instructions on how to mat an artwork for exhibit. Please visit <http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/conservation/matting/matting-hinging-project.html>, for helpful hints on how to prepare your artwork for presentation.
- **ARTWORK THAT DOES NOT FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**