



Young Voices Art Exhibition

November 3 – December 19, 2026



ELIGIBILITY

Open to all K-12 students. ■ Original artwork completed within the past three years and not previously exhibited in an ACWL-Nuveen exhibition. ■ Artists may have minimal help and instruction on their entries. ■ No A.I. - generated artwork. ■ 2-D and 3-D media are accepted. ■ Students in grades 9 -12 can also submit Digital Media. ■ There is no theme or required subject matter.

PRIZES IN THE FOLLOWING AGE CATEGORIES

Elementary Student Prizes	
ACWL-Nuveen Award for K-5 students	\$50
1 st Place Awards in K-2 and 3-5	\$50

*Honorable mention awards will be given in each category

Middle & High School Student Prizes	
ACWL-Nuveen Award for 6-12 students	\$50
1 st Place Awards in 6-8 and 9-12	\$50
2 nd Place Awards in 6-8 and 9-12	\$25
3 rd Place Awards in 6-8 and 9-12	\$15

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Entry is \$5.00 per piece. ■ Each artist may submit one piece.. ■ Due to wall space restrictions, a limited number of large pieces (40" x 40") can be accepted. ■ Entries must be delivered to the ACWL-Nuveen, 106 E. Colby St., Whitehall, MI 49461. ■ Artwork must be dropped off during the designated times unless other specific arrangements have been made. ■ All forms must be completed legibly.

FRAMING AND LABELING

All 2D entries must be mounted on a stiff backing (or framed) with wire for hanging **SECURELY** attached. ■ Do not tape wire to the back of your piece. It is not secure and will fall off the wall. ■ If framed, artworks must be wired securely—no saw-tooth hangers. ■ Affix entry labels firmly to the back of the artwork in the upper right corner. ■ For three-dimensional work, entry labels must be taped securely to each piece. ■ Digital media should be submitted in MP4 format, via email or flash drive. You may submit pieces that include sound, but no explicit content is allowed. ■ Artwork not suitably prepared for hanging may be declined. The City of Redmond, WA has a great guide here: www.redmond.gov/2617/43790/preparing-your-artwork-for-hanging

CONDITIONS AND LIABILITY

Artworks must remain on display at the ACWL-Nuveen for the duration of the exhibit. ■ Artwork may be for sale or marked NFS if not for sale. ■ No commission will be taken on any sales. ■ ACWL-Nuveen takes every precaution to ensure the protection of artwork. However, we are not responsible for any loss or damage. ■ Registration grants ACWL-Nuveen permission to use images for marketing.

ABOUT THE JUROR



Heather Placko is the Curator of Education at the Muskegon Museum of Art and has worked in museum education for over 15 years. She graduated from North Central College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English & Creative Writing. Heather is passionate about creating engaging and inclusive interdisciplinary programming for diverse communities, bringing exhibitions, objects, and artifacts to life through stories.

Are you ready to submit your artwork?

Use this handy checklist to find out!

- ☐ Is the 2D artwork mounted on a stiff backing with wire securely attached?
- ☐ If the piece is framed, is it properly wired for hanging? (Sawtooth hangers are not accepted)
- ☐ Are entry labels filled out completely and attached to the back of the artwork in the upper right corner?
- ☐ Is the entry form filled out completely and legibly?

Questions?

Call the ACWL-Nuveen: (231) 893-2524

DATES TO REMEMBER

DROP OFF ARTWORK

October 17, 11:00am—2:30pm
October 20-23, 11:00AM—5:00PM

RECEPTION & AWARD PRESENTATION

Saturday, Nov. 14 - 1:00—3:00pm

EXHIBIT DATES

November 3 – December 19, 2026
ACWL-Nuveen Hours:
Tue-Fri, 11am—5:30pm Sat, 11am—3:00pm

PICK UP EXHIBITED WORKS

December 22 & 23, 11:00am – 5:00pm
January 5-8, 2027 11:00am – 5:00pm
Any artwork left after January 12 will become the property of ACWL-Nuveen.

Young Voices Art Exhibition - 2026 ENTRY FORM

Please write legibly!

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Name(s) of Parent/Guardian: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: (_____) _____ Student Phone: (_____) _____

Student's Age: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

Title	Medium	Price (NFS if not for sale)
1.		
2.		

ENTRY LABEL #1 - Affix to back of art, top right corner.

Name _____

Grade: _____ Price or NFS: _____

Title _____

Medium _____

ENTRY LABEL #2 - Affix to back of art, top right corner.

Name _____

Grade: _____ Price or NFS: _____

Title _____

Medium _____