

# The 2025 Canadian Art Inspiration Student Challenge

## Celebrating the Next Generation of Art in Canada

The Canadian Art Inspiration Student Challenge is a celebration of art from across the country, with Canada's future artists at its heart.

## How It Works

We invite young artists in Grades 7 through 12 to submit original artworks and accompanying artist statements inspired by leaders in Canadian art history and major Canadian artworks. Applicants are encouraged to interpret this theme as broadly as they wish, and to create works in any media. Learn more by visiting our [student challenge webpage](#).

## Prizes and Exhibition

Cash prizes of \$500 for first place winners and \$250 for honorable mentions will be awarded in both the Grades 7–9 and Grades 10–12 age categories.

All finalists will have their artwork showcased in an online exhibition hosted on ACI's website.

This year's winning artworks will be showcased in a special exhibition at Art Toronto, Canada's largest art fair attended by industry leaders and artists from across the country. The exhibition will be held in October 2025.

## Important Dates

Submissions will be accepted online from January 8, 2025–March 21, 2025.

Prizes will be awarded in May 2025. Winners will be announced publicly at Art Toronto in 2025.

## For More Information

Please visit [www.aci-iac.ca/education/art-challenge](http://www.aci-iac.ca/education/art-challenge), or contact Hannah Dobbie, Programming Officer at [hdobbie@aci-iac.ca](mailto:hdobbie@aci-iac.ca).



## Resources for Teachers

- Creativity booklet with 10 new art activity prompts to inspire Student Challenge submissions
- 36 Online Exhibitions
- 50 Teacher Resource Guides
- Visit [www.aci-iac.ca/education](http://www.aci-iac.ca/education) to start exploring ACI's art education resources for teachers.



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