

39th Art in Gadsden Juried Exhibition
Artist Application Guidelines
Deadline: submit by 5pm EST Friday October 9, 2026



Current members of Gadsden Arts who live in North Florida, South Georgia, and South Alabama, or are former Gadsden County residents, are invited to apply to participate in the *39th Art in Gadsden Juried Exhibition*. This exhibition draws visitors and patrons from across the region each year, showcasing art by the area's top artists. New and returning, established and emerging artists are welcome to apply.

How to Apply

Applications are only accepted online by completing the steps listed below by 5:00pm EST, Friday October 9, 2026.

There is a 3-step process to apply. Please read the Eligibility, Dates/Deadlines, and Rules below FIRST.

1. Applicants must be **current members** of Gadsden Arts. If you don't know if your membership is current - email Curator Ashley Williams at ashley.williams@gadsdenarts.org
2. Pay the **Registration Fee of \$35** here:
<https://forms.donorsnap.com/form?id=28924b34-e42f-45c7-94f6-b2919cb7a255>
3. Once you've paid the fee, you will receive a link to the **online application**. There, you'll upload a 1-page biography, images of the artwork being submitted including caption information, and a short statement on each work.

Important Dates/Deadlines

- Friday October 9, 2026 – Applications due by 5:00pm EST
- Friday November 6, 2026 – Notifications of acceptance and nonacceptance emailed
- Tuesday December 15, 2026 – Art due at the museum between 10am and 4pm
- Saturday January 9, 2027 – Exhibition Opens
- Wednesday January 20 – Saturday January 23, 2027 – 4-day sale of works on display
- Friday February 19, 2027 – Public Reception and Awards Ceremony, 5:00-7:00pm
- Saturday February 20, 2027 – Last day of the exhibition
- Tuesday February 23, 2027 – Pick up art from the museum between 10am and 4pm

Eligibility

To enter, **artists 18 years or older** must submit images of at least two, but no more than three, **original works of art** not previously exhibited at the Gadsden Arts Center & Museum. Work may have been created in any year. Work must be available for sale. Video art and jewelry are NOT accepted. A fully completed Art in Gadsden exhibition **application must be submitted online by 5pm EST on October 9, 2026**.

Awards

An estimated \$2,500 in total cash awards for Best in Show, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. The Gadsden Arts Center & Museum Exhibition Committee selects the works accepted into the exhibition by digital image; the juror selects the award winners from the works accepted.

Acceptance

The Exhibition Committee reviews and scores all submissions for acceptance into the exhibition. They prefer submissions from an artist that are cohesive in nature and are similar in medium and style in order to better understand an artist's work. The juror selects the award winners from the final selection.

Notification

Email notification of acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent by **Friday November 6, 2026**.

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Artwork Delivery & Pick up

Accepted artwork must be delivered to the Gadsden Arts Center & Museum on **Tuesday, December 15, 2026, between 10am–4pm**. Artwork must be picked up on Tuesday February 20, 2027, between 10am–4pm. Artwork may be shipped but must include a pre-paid return shipping label, and arrive by Friday December 11, 2026.

Four-Day Sale

Gadsden Arts will process the sale of artwork in *Art in Gadsden* through the Museum Shop, Wednesday January 20 – Saturday January 23, 2027, as a special benefit to members and visitors. GACM will take a commission on the sale price (40%) and the artist's commission (60%) will be sent to the artist the week of February 22, 2027. Work must be for sale to be included in the exhibition.

Exhibition Rules

- Artists must submit digital images of at least two (but no more than three) original artworks (uploaded online). No prints, copies, incomplete work, or works that have been previously exhibited at the museum will be accepted. Save images at 300dpi resolution, no more than 3MB file size.
- Work may have been created in any year.
- Work must be for sale to be included in the exhibition.
- All two-dimension work that is meant to hang on a wall must be submitted with wire attached to the back (no sawtooth hangers). Staff reserves the right to reject work that is not properly presented for installation.
- All accepted two-dimensional work that requires glazing must be submitted framed with plexi-glass, not glass.
- Wall pieces must be no larger than 48 inches in any direction, including frame.
- Three-dimensional must be no larger than 36 inches wide and 72 inches tall. Three-dimensional works must be self-supporting, stable, and weigh less than 50 pounds.
- Typically, the Gadsden Arts Center & Museum (GACM) does not participate in the sale of artwork from exhibitions on display in its exhibition galleries. However, Gadsden Arts will process the sale of artwork in *Art in Gadsden* through the Museum Shop Wednesday January 20 – Saturday January 23, 2027. GACM will take a commission on the sale price (40%) and the commission (60%) will be sent to the artist the week of February 22, 2027. After July 25, the Museum will not take a commission on artwork sold, and it is the responsibility of the artist. If artwork is still for sale, the museum will share the price with prospective buyers and forward the buyer information to the artist.
- All artwork must remain on display in the exhibition until it closes.
- **All accepted artists are required to submit an additional \$10 handling fee**, due at the time of artwork delivery on December 15, 2026.
- Accepted digital images will be retained for GACM archives and permission to reproduce accepted images for publicity or educational purposes is assumed with submission of the entry. The signing of the Loan Agreement submitted with art drop off is an agreement to these conditions.
- Entries must be submitted online by 5pm on Friday October 9, 2026. Late entries will not be considered.