

Frequently asked questions

Is there a theme for the award?

The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists encourages innovation and creativity and the judges are looking for originality of theme and concept. The award does not ask students to adhere to a particular theme in order to encourage innovation and individual ideas.

Can I enter digital art into the award?

Yes. Artworks can come in all shapes and sizes including (but not limited to) drawings, paintings, digital art and mixed media works. Digital art that is printed which meets the entry requirements will be accepted.

Where should I submit my artwork?

Artworks should be submitted to Subiaco Library between Friday 30 April and Monday 24 May. All artworks must be submitted together with an online entry confirmation.

I want to submit my artwork but I have forgotten to register online. What should I do?

All artworks must be submitted with a confirmation of entry attached. Visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/shauntanaward to register online and print your confirmation of entry to attach to your artwork. Online entries will open at 9.30am on Friday 30 April.

I am eighteen years old and in my first year of university. Can I enter the award?

The award is open to Western Australian school students in years one to twelve. University students or high school graduates are not eligible to enter the award.

My child is five years old and in pre-primary. Can my child enter the award?

The award is open to Western Australian school students in years one to twelve. Pre-primary students are not eligible to enter the award.

My child is home-schooled. Can my child enter the award?

Yes, providing your child is in Western Australia and studying in years one to twelve they can enter the award.

How can I get updates and reminders about the award?

You can join the award e-newsletter to get up-to-date information about the award, entry reminders and updates on winners and finalists. Register your email at www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/shauntanaward

What details do I need to register my entry online?

To register your entry online you will need the following information:

- artist's name, age, gender and school year
- contact information (email, phone and postal address)
- title of the artwork
- materials used for the artwork.

Will I get my artwork back after I have submitted it?

Yes. After judging is complete, all non-finalists will need to collect their artwork from Subiaco Library. Artworks will be available for collection from Monday 5 July until Sunday 25 July. After this date, all uncollected artworks will become property of The City of Subiaco and due to storage restrictions may be destroyed.

All non-finalist regional entries will have their artwork returned by post before Sunday 25 July, provided the artwork fits inside a standard postage tube (66 cm long and 6cm in diameter). Entrants will receive an email confirmation once their artwork has been dispatched.

All finalists and exhibited artists, regional or metropolitan will be required to collect their framed artwork from Subiaco Library at the conclusion of the exhibition. Exhibited artworks must be collected between Monday 9 and Sunday 22 August 2021.

What are the prizes?

Prizes are donated on behalf of The City of Subiaco and award sponsors. Prizes are made up of vouchers and gift-items, including but not limited to art supplies, art lessons, books and craft materials. All artworks chosen for the exhibition will have their works professionally framed or mounted and will be displayed in the exhibition for one month at Subiaco Library.

Who is Shaun Tan?

Shaun Tan is a Western Australian artist. For more information on Shaun Tan and his works, visit www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/shauntanaward.

I need more information, who should I contact?

For information about the Shaun Tan Award contact Subiaco Library on 9237 9300 or email award@subiaco.wa.gov.au