

2026 Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists

Terms and Conditions

- Award opens **Friday 24 April 2026 at 9.30am** and closes **Monday 18 May 2026 at 5.30pm**.
- Entries are open to Western Australian school students in years one to twelve.
- All artworks must be an **original**, two-dimensional (2D) creation no bigger than 1 metre x 1.5 metre in size.
- AI influenced or produced artwork will not be accepted.
- Primary student artwork must be physically submitted with an online form completed.
- Secondary student artwork must be submitted online via photos with a link provided
- Shortlisted secondary students must be able to provide the physical artwork for the final judging by **Sunday 14 June 2026**.
- Entries must be the sole work of the entrant, group or joint entries will not be considered.
- Entry is limited to one per person.
- Finalists will be advised by phone or email. Results will be published on the City of Subiaco website in early July 2026.
- Due to the high number of entries received for this award each year, individual feedback for non-finalist artworks cannot be given.
- The City will endeavour to exercise all reasonable care in handling the artwork, however, will not be held to be responsible for the damage or loss of any artwork.
- Winning artworks will be on display for one month at Subiaco Library from Monday 6 July until Sunday 2 August and displayed online.

Prize details

Prizes are donated on behalf of the City of Subiaco and award sponsors. Prizes are made up of vouchers and gift items.

Artwork collection

Non-finalist metropolitan artwork will be available for collection from Monday 6 July until Sunday 16 August 2026. After this date, all uncollected artworks will become property of The City of Subiaco and due to storage restrictions may be destroyed.

Non-finalist regional entries will have their artwork returned by post before Sunday 3 August, 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 3 and Sunday 23 August 2026.

How to enter

The online entry forms will be available from **9.30am on Friday 24 April**. Entries can be from individuals or from teachers on behalf of their students.

In 2026 the Shaun Tan Award for Young Artist will be continuing online entries for secondary school students after success in 2025.

If you are in primary school (year 1 – 6) you will need to submit your artwork physically.

- Complete the online entry form
- Include the online entry confirmation with your submission.
- Artworks need to be dropped off at Subiaco Library or sent via post to PO Box 526 Subiaco WA 6904 **by Monday 18 May, 5.30pm.**

If you are in secondary school (year 7 – 12) you will submit photos of your artwork online.

- Complete the online entry form and upload your artwork **by Monday 18 May, 5.30pm.**
- You will need to upload **ONE** photo of which shows the whole artwork.
- Your Artwork needs to be titled:
Entry Number_ Artwork Title_ Year Number_ Last Name (3 letters only)
 - 0003_Golden_Horizon_Y10_LIG.jpg
 - 1256_Artistic_Expression_Y12_ALB.jpg

We will not be accepting physical entries for secondary school students unless they are shortlisted.

If you are **shortlisted**, you will then need to submit your artwork physically to the library for the final judging process by Sunday 14 June 2026.

Entries are due by **5.30pm on Monday 18 May 2026.**

Additional Details

<https://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/see-do/things-to-see-do/community-awards/shaun-tan-award>