

## Frequently asked questions

### Is there a theme for the award?

The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists encourages creativity and originality, and the judges look for unique themes and ideas. Students are not required to follow a specific theme, allowing them to express their own innovative ideas.

### Can I use artificial intelligence in any way?

We will not accept artworks brainstormed, designed or created by AI. The Shaun Tan Award for Young Artists encourages creativity and originality. Artworks must be original and created by one sole young artist.

### Do I need to frame my artwork?

No. Artwork doesn't need to be framed, as it could damage other pieces. Unless it has already been framed for another exhibition, please don't frame your work. Professional framing will be part of the prize for the winners.

### Where should I submit my artwork?

In 2026 the Shaun Tan Award for Young Artist will be piloting online entries starting with secondary school students.

#### **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 need submit a photo 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**.

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

All artworks must be submitted online first before being uploaded or delivered to Subiaco Library. Visit [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/shauntanaward](http://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 24 April and close on Monday 18 May, 5.30pm

### **Can I enter digital art into the award?**

Yes. Artworks can be drawings, paintings, digital art, and mixed media works. Digital art must be printed and physically submitted. All artworks must be original, two-dimensional (2D) creation no bigger than 1 metre x 1.5 metre in size.

### **Can I submit artwork that is drying?**

No. Artwork must be complete when submitted and will not be accepted if it is drying.

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

No, 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?**

No, 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?**

Register your email at [www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/shauntanaward](http://www.subiaco.wa.gov.au/shauntanaward) to get up-to-date information about the award, entry reminders and updates on winners and finalists.

### **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, the following will apply:

*Non-finalist metropolitan artwork* will be available for collection from Monday 6 July until Sunday 2 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 2 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 August and Sunday 16 August 2026.

### **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, 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.shauntan.net/](http://www.shauntan.net/)

**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](mailto:award@subiaco.wa.gov.au)