

Works of Heart Student Art Show

Overview

The *Works of Heart* Art Show celebrates American Heart Month by showcasing original artwork created by local high school students. Students are invited to submit artwork inspired by the theme of **heart health, compassion, healing, or what the heart means to them**. Two awards will be presented: **Judges' Choice** and **People's Choice**.

Eligibility

- Open to **local high school students** (grades 9–12)
- Students must attend a school within Saline County, Hot Spring County, Garland County or Grant County
- Each student may submit **one original artwork**

Artwork Guidelines

- Artwork must be **original** and created solely by the student
- This year's Works of Heart Art Show is limited to two-dimensional artwork. Three-dimensional artwork may be considered in future years.
- Acceptable mediums include:
 - Painting (acrylic, watercolor, oil)
 - Drawing (pencil, charcoal, ink)
 - Mixed media
 - Digital art (must be printed for display)

- Artwork should reflect the **Works of Heart** theme:
 - Heart health
 - Functions and physical nature of the human heart
 - Healing and compassion
 - Strength, resilience or love
 - What the heart symbolizes to the artist
- Artwork must be **appropriate for public display.**

Size and Presentation

- To ensure your artwork fits our display stands and professional gallery standards, please follow these specifications:
 - **Total Size:** Maximum size is **18" x 24"**. This limit applies to the total finished dimensions (including the mat).
 - **Mounting:** Artwork must be **matted** and "ready to display." We recommend using a stiff mat board or foam-core backing.
 - **Framing:** Please do not submit artwork in heavy glass frames. Lightweight matting is preferred for safety and ease of display within the hospital.
 - **Labeling:** Each piece must have an official entry form attached:
 - **Front:** Attach the portion showing the Title and Medium.
 - **Back:** Attach the portion showing the Student Name, School, and Grade.

Submission Process

- Artwork must be submitted by **February 6, 2026**
- Drop-off location and times: Main entrance at **Saline Memorial Hospital | 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Weekdays** If there is not a volunteer at the front desk to help you, contact 501.776.6764.
- By submitting artwork, students and guardians grant permission for:
 - Artwork to be publicly displayed
 - Photos of the artwork to be used for promotional purposes related to the event

Judging and Awards

Judges' Choice Award

- Selected by a panel of judges
- Judging criteria may include:
 - Creativity and originality
 - Interpretation of the theme
 - Artistic technique and effort
 - Overall impact

People's Choice Award

- Determined by public voting during the exhibit
- Visitors may vote **once per person**
- Voting will take place:

- In person during the art show on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.
- In the event of a tie, the three judges will break the tie by each adding their vote.

Awards and Recognition

- One **Judges' Choice** winner
- One **People's Choice** winner
- Winners will be announced at the end of the art show on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7:20 p.m.
- Awards may include:
 - Gift cards, certificates, or prizes
 - Public recognition at the event
 - Feature on social media and/or website
 - Each winner's school will also receive a \$500 donation to the art program.

Artwork Pickup

- Students can take the work after the art show. If it is not taken after the show, it must be picked up within one week.