



## 2016-17 Tampa Bay Surrounding Counties High School pARTicipant Contest

### Rules and Guidelines

The Gasparilla Festival of the Arts (GFA) is excited to announce our inaugural Tampa Bay Surrounding Counties High School pARTicipant Contest. Our 2017 festival is March 4-5, 2017.

#### **Rules**

- Participants must be students of a public high school in one of the identified counties (Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Manatee, or Sarasota)
- It's recommended that each district select one school per county for our inaugural contest year – schools may, however open it to more if they choose to do so on their own
- Allowable mediums are as follows: Ceramic, Digital, Drawing, Fiber, Glass, Jewelry, Mixed Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Watercolor, Wood
- Submission must be the work of one student only (no collaborations or assistance)
- Submitted artwork must be original
- Submitted artwork must have been created within one year of submission
- To the extent artwork is displayed at the GFA, it will not be available for sale during the Festival
- Works submitted to GFA will be displayed for public viewing – the student (if 18) or a parent/guardian will need to sign a release allowing us to exhibit the artwork
- Works displayed at GFA must remain for the whole festival weekend

#### **Guidelines & Important Dates**

- Only 5 works per district may be submitted to GFA
- All works need to be available for GFA pick up by February 15, 2017
- Individual schools are to set their own judging/review deadlines and process to select the 5 GFA submissions from the total population of student submissions
- Our festival juror will review all of the student artwork sometime between 9:00 and 2:30 on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – students or teachers are allowed but not required to attend initial judging
- The main GFA festival judging will take place later Saturday afternoon and the one award related to this program will be announced around 6:00 Saturday evening
- The scholarship/award will be given along with the awards announcements (the artist will know if they're in the running prior to the afternoon pre-judging, but does not need to be present to win)