

North Carolina Governor's School 2021

Visual Art Auditions - Instructions

1. PREPARATION

- a. Review these instructions thoroughly.
- b. You are to show three pieces of art that highlight your insights and abilities.
- c. Most digital cameras, including cell phones, are perfectly fine for both the photos and videos for your audition. Professional photography or videography is neither required nor expected.
- d. For photos and videos, use good lighting and neutral backgrounds free from distractions.

2. PHOTOS

- a. **Upload at least one photo of each** of your three pieces (try to include a ruler for size and scale), **for at most a total of nine photos**, to your google folder. Photos can be devoted to details or viewing 3-d pieces from multiple angles. Use any regular picture format (jpg, png, gif, tiff, pdf, etc.)
- b. **Title each photo** so that it includes the name of that piece of artwork. For example, if you are showing two photos of a painting called 'Timothy', name them 'Timothy' and 'Timothy detail'.

3. VIDEO

- a. **Record one continuous video**, no longer than FIVE MINUTES, that addresses the following:
 - i. First, introduce yourself and then zoom in on each of your three art pieces, briefly giving the name and media (e.g., acrylic, watercolor, etc.) of each. If you have any 3-D pieces (e.g., sculpture), show them from multiple angles.
 - ii. Then, turn the camera back to you and answer any two of the following prompts:
 1. *Choose the piece that you think is the best of your three, and describe the process of its creation.*
 2. *Tell which of these pieces was the most challenging or exciting for you in terms of technique and why.*
 3. *Sometimes we so love the content/subject matter/idea in our artwork that we have a very hard time making a piece work well in terms of its design. Describe how you solved that conflict using one of these three works as an example.*
 - iii. Finish recording. You may review it but DO NOT EDIT IT in any way. If you like, you may re-record the video until you get the version you wish to submit.
- b. **Upload your unedited video to the folder.** Typical current video formats (mp4, mov, wmv, flv, etc.) are fine. No special title is required; it should be the only video file in your folder.

4. SUBMISSION

- a. You do not need to share or send your files or folder anywhere. The Governor's School Office will already have full access to your folder. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SHARE** the folder with anyone (family, friends, etc.). This is your Governor's School audition and it is only to be viewed by Governor's School officials.
- b. Deadline for completed folders of nine photos and one video file: **Monday, February 8.** After the deadline, your access to the google folder will be removed.
- c. Please DO NOT contact the Office of the North Carolina Governor's School to confirm receipt of your folder, photos or videos. The Office will contact you only if there is a problem.
- d. On or around March 2, the Office will send lists of student selections to schools/school systems. On or around March 9, the Office will send selection/non-selection letters directly to students.