

CALL FOR ENTRIES



ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS:
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

ENTRY DROP-OFF:
TUES., AUGUST 18 &
WED., AUGUST 19
9:00AM – 6:00PM

Visual Art Categories

- **Emerging Artist:** Open to artists of all mediums who are entering an art contest for the very first time.
- **Echoes of the Masters:** Art created in the style or spirit of a recognized artist, movement, or tradition.
- **Drawing & Illustration:** Includes artwork primarily created using mediums such as charcoal, pencil, and pastel.
- **Group Entry:** Artwork in any visual art category created collaboratively by two or more individuals.
- **Hard Crafts & Sculpture:** Three-dimensional art created through carving, casting, modeling, or other shaping techniques. This also includes wearable art, accessories and jewelry.
- **Mixed Media:** Artwork incorporating two or more distinct artistic mediums, collage.
- **Painting (Acrylic):** Paintings on canvas or paper using acrylic paints.
- **Painting (Oil & Oil Pastel):** Paintings on canvas or paper using oil paints or oil pastels.
- **Painting (Watercolor):** Paintings on canvas or paper using watercolor paints.
- **Photography:** Printed images captured by a traditional camera or mobile device.
- **Soft Crafts (Quilts & Blankets):** Large quilted or blanketed textile art. Knitting and crochet.
- **Soft Crafts (Other):** Includes items, including wearable items, crafted through techniques like crocheting, knitting, cloth, weaving, tatting, needlework, embroidery, cross-stitch, and needlepoint.

Writing Categories

Submission Guidelines: All writing entries must be no more than four (4) double-spaced typed pages, using a minimum 12-point font.

- **Poetry & Prose:** Verse writing, including but not limited to prose poetry, free verse, formal poetry, and song lyrics.
- **Personal Essay & Short Story:** Includes short stories, novellas, and scripts.

For More Info visit: www.ccyoung.org/events/

Your Story. Your Art. Your Moment to shine!



Celebrate 26 Years of Ageless Creativity!

Since 1999, the Spirit is Ageless Art & Writing Contest has honored the creativity of the Dallas-Fort Worth community and CC Young. The Contest, Art Gallery Show, and Awards are open to all DFW residents, including CC Young, age 55 & better. We proudly display every entry to celebrate each person's unique abilities and willingness to share their talents, regardless of limitations. All skill levels are welcome!

Key Information:

- **Online Registration (Required):** Opens Saturday, August 1, 2026 at www.ccyoung.org/events/. Register online before bringing art.
- **All Entries Displayed:** Your submission will be part of The Spirit Is Ageless 2026 Art & Writing Contest show.
- **Display Commitment:** Entries must remain on display from art intake through the awards program on Friday, October 23. No early removal.

Entry Rules:

- **Age Requirement:** Art and writing must be created at age 55+.
- **CC Young Residents:** Up to 2 free entries.
- **Non-Residents:** 1 free entry; \$10 for 1 additional entry.
- **Mark Each Entry Back With:** Artist's name, phone, title, & category.
- **Group Entries:** Include a list each participant's name and age at creation for the Ageless Creativity award when registering.
- **Category Changes:** CC Young may re-categorize entries.

Hanging Guidelines:

- **Ready to Hang:** Framed/mounted art must have a saw-tooth hanger or wire (except sculpture, glass, ceramic, steel, wood, & writing).
- **Hanging Questions:** Call 214-841-2831.
- **Display Selection:** Determined by CC Young based on space.
- **Right to Refuse:** CC Young may decline any entry.
- **No Liability:** CC Young is not responsible for loss or damage.

Other Details:

- **Single Pieces Only:** No groupings.
- **Previous Entries:** Allowed if not a past SIA winner.
- **Original Work:** No reproductions, unless entering "Echoes of Masters" Category
- **Photo Release:** Entry grants permission for promotional use.
- **Art Pricing:** Purchase inquiries forwarded to artist for direct sale.
- **Publicity Consent:** Participation allows use of photos/videos for CC Young promotion.



Judging and Awards:

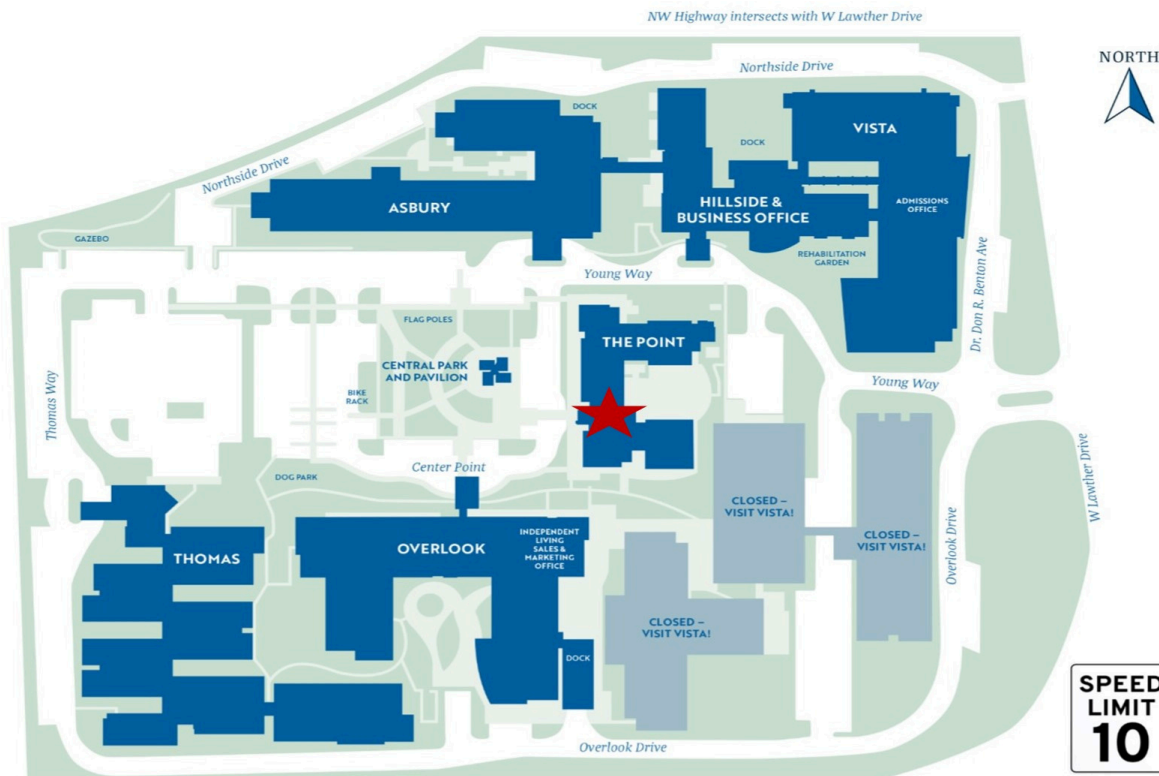
- An anonymous panel of judges will determine the winners. Notifications will be sent via email on or before Friday, September 4, 2026.
- All participants will receive a certificate of participation and are invited to our Celebration of Artists and Writers on Friday, October 23 at 2:00 PM.
- Awards Presented:
 - 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place in each category (non-cash).
 - Special Recognition: Best in Show Art (CC Young Resident)
 - Best in Show Writing (CC Young Resident)
 - Best in Show Art (Dallas/Ft. Worth Community Member)
 - Best in Show Writing (Dallas/Ft. Worth Community Member)
 - Celebrating Ageless Creativity Award (Most Senior Participant)
 - People's Choice Awards (1 for Art & 1 for Writing)

Art Pickup:

- **At the Celebration:** Attendees can take their artwork at the conclusion of the awards program on Friday, October 23, 2026.
- **General Pickup:** Monday, October 26 – Thursday, October 29, 2026.
 - Between 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM daily.
- **Donation:** Artwork not retrieved by the deadline may be considered a donation to CC Young (a non-profit), and the artist will be acknowledged.

Directions to The Point at CC Young

- **Address:** 4847 West Lawther Drive Dallas, TX 75218
- Location on Campus: See campus map for The Point.
- **Driving Instructions:**
 - From I-75 Central Expressway, follow signs for Northwest Highway/TX-12 Loop East. Travel east for about 2.5 miles and turn right onto West Lawther Drive. Our main entrance is on the right, marked by a white guard shack and CC Young signage. Proceed up the driveway to The Point.



East Mockingbird Lane and White Rock Lake to the South



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