



STAMP - Statewide Teen Art Mentor Program

The Statewide Teen Art Mentor Program (STAMP) sponsored by Association of Wisconsin Artists (AWA) is designed to inspire, educate and support young artists throughout Wisconsin. Artists from 13-19 are invited to exhibit their work at a regional exhibit by local coordinators. Artists who receive a State Award will be eligible to participate in the annual AWA State Art Exhibit.

How does it work?

Regional Coordinators invite schools in the area to participate in an exhibit held at a local venue, e.g. library or gallery. Each school, through their art department, will submit students artwork. The artwork is then judged and those awarded the State Award are invited to exhibit at the Association of Wisconsin Artists Annual Art Exhibit and Conference held each year in the Fall.



If a young artist is not associated with a school, they may be sponsored by a member of AWA to be entered into the exhibits. This affords artists who are home-schooled the opportunity to exhibit their work.

Artists who exhibit at the State level will have their work published in the Annual Art Exhibit Catalog whether or not they receive a State level award.

Why Sponsor or Participate in STAMP?

By sponsoring or participating in a STAMP, communities are providing young artists a platform to be recognized for their creativity.

Wisconsin does not provide adequate funding to support the arts. In 2018 Wisconsin ranked 48th out of 50 states for public funding of the arts and in 2020 ranked 50th. The Wisconsin state budget was 14 cents/capita in 2018 while its neighbor, Minnesota's budget for the arts is over 7 dollars/capita. AWA through the STAMP exhibits would like to be a force that moves the arts in Wisconsin in a positive direction.



How do you get involved?

If you are a community interested in sponsoring or an art teacher interested in providing this opportunity to your students, you can start by contacting AWA Youth Programs Coordinator, Jeanne Ferreira at president@wiscarts.org



Artist Credit Top to Bottom:
1. Unforgettable by Annamarie Aue
2. Ursa by Reid Stadelman
3. Harry by Taylor Viens
4. Spectrum by Theo Flegler