

THE SOVEREIGN ART FOUNDATION STUDENTS PRIZE Hong Kong 2026 ("Competition")

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All entrants to the Competition agree to be bound by the following terms and conditions:

(1) ENTRY CRITERIA

The students prize is open to all students who were enrolled at a secondary institution* in Hong Kong during the 2025-2026 academic year

*secondary institutions include all types of secondary schools, sixth-form colleges and homeschooled students of the equivalent age

(2) PRIZES

All artworks are viewed online by a judging panel consisting of local art professionals, who shortlist 20 Finalists for exhibition

Judges' Prize

The top 20 Finalists' works are exhibited and the judges attend for a second round of voting, in person, to select their winner.

Public Vote Prize

Throughout the course of the exhibition the public will be able to vote (live and online). The entry having received the most votes from the public will be awarded the Public Prize. In the interests of fairness, in the event that the same entry is awarded both the Judges Prize and the Public Vote Prize, then the Judges Prize will be awarded to that entry and the Public Vote Prize will be awarded to the entry which achieved the second largest number of votes.

(3) AWARDS

	Student	School*
Judges' Prize	HK\$8,000	HK\$20,000
Public Vote Prize	HK\$4,000	HK\$10,000

*Should a homeschooled student win, the School cash prize will be kept by The Sovereign Art Foundation.

Winners of the Judges' and Public prizes will automatically be enrolled into **The Sovereign Art Foundation Global Students Prize**.

An online exhibition of all winners' works, from each of the countries in which the competition runs, will be held in mid of 2026. Following the exhibition, a 'Global Judges' Winner' and 'Global Public Vote Winner' will be selected and awarded Global Prizes.

(4) ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS

4.1) Each entry must comply with the requirements as stated herein but the organisers and/or the Judging Panel reserves the right to make a final decision to accept any entry for this Competition.

4.2) Notwithstanding Condition 4.1, the decision of The Sovereign Art Foundation ("SAF") on any and all matters relating to the Competition will be final and binding. SAF and members of the Judging Panel are not obliged or bound to enter into any communications whatsoever regarding such decisions.

4.3) All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not be a direct copy or reproduction of any existing artwork by another artist.



4.4) There is no particular theme or subject required for the artwork to be submitted, which can be chosen from artwork undertaken by the student at school, or in his or her own time, and according to the individual artistic preferences of each student.

4.5) Entries can be in two-dimensional ("2D") or three-dimensional ("3D") form that conform to the dimensions given under Condition 4.6 below. Acceptable entries are not limited to paintings, but also include photographs, sculpture, digital imagery, collage and other mediums.

4.6) DIMENSIONS: All 2D entries (including any frame or mounting) must not exceed 150 cm on any side and must not be thicker than 5cm in depth. Composite entries must fit within these sizes when displayed. All 3D entries must not exceed 150 x 50 x 50cm.

(5) SUBMISSION PROCESS

5.1) All Secondary School entrants must be nominated by a member of staff at the student's school.

5.2) Each Secondary School can nominate up to ten students. The way that the works are selected for entry is at the discretion of the school.

5.3) Students can submit up to three artworks. They must submit each artwork as a separate entry. Only the highest scoring piece per artist will be selected for the shortlist (only one artwork per student in the final shortlist)

(6) ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

All artworks submitted for the Competition must be SUBMITTED ONLINE via the website: <https://zealous.co/sovereignartfoundation/opportunity/the-sovereign-art-foundation-students-prize-hong-kong-2026/>. The entry period is from 1 September – 29 September. No entries will be accepted after the 29 September deadline.

6.1) On entering the submission platform you will be invited to create an account.

6.2) Follow the instructions and submit your artwork:

- a) Up to three artworks can be submitted, per student, but each artwork must be submitted as a separate entry (as above, only the the highest scoring piece per student will be selected for the shortlist.
- b) Please upload a MINIMUM of 2 images per entry. One of the artwork as a whole and a second close up image (optional), showing the relevant work in detail. The resolution of the image must be a minimum of 300DPI (Note: Dots per inch NOT Pixels per inch), for printing purposes.
- c) Please ensure the filename of the images includes the student's surname, the name of the artwork piece and the version number e.g. surname_title_v1
- d) Make sure to provide the dimensions, medium and artistic description for the piece. All information provided will assist the judges in their evaluations and incomplete submissions may risk disqualification.

6.3) Complete the application form to provide personal information.

6.4) When the entry is complete, press the submit button at the bottom of the form, you will receive a confirmation email.

6.5) If you experience any difficulties submitting online or have any questions about the prize you can contact us on art@SovereignArtFoundation.com or on +852 2542 1177.

(7) FINALIST INSTRUCTIONS

7.1) The 20 finalists, selected by the Judging Panel will be officially notified by email or telephone. Unsuccessful entrants will also be contacted.



7.2) SAF is a charitable organisation which exists to help local disadvantaged children locally. In support of that aim, all finalists are greatly encouraged to make their selected work available for sale according to the terms and conditions in paragraph 9 below. If the finalists needs to retain their work to complete their course or their exams a sale can be arranged subject to a later delivery to the buyer. The sale is not compulsory but all finalists are encouraged to support this charitable cause.

7.3) All selected works must be available for the Finalists Exhibition and delivered, at the school's expense, to a location as advised by SAF. The packaged artwork must be marked clearly on the reverse with the title of the piece, the relevant entrant's name, the name of the school and suitable contact details.

7.4) Each entry should be authenticated by the entrant(s) by being signed and dated either on the work or on an accompanying certificate. If the entry is a photograph, digital work or print, the editions must be clearly declared.

7.5) Each entry should be framed in order to protect and present the work. If the artist does not intend to exhibit the entry framed, then adequate protection must be provided for its storage and transportation.

7.6) SAF will be responsible for installing the artworks in the exhibition(s). **Works should be delivered to SAF with appropriate fittings already in place for mounting/hanging.**

(8) EXHIBITION AND AWARDS EVENT

8.1) The Finalists' works will be displayed at a venue (or multiple venues) and on dates to be confirmed by SAF.

8.2) All works selected for the final exhibition must be available until the end of the Finalists Exhibition as advised by SAF.

8.3) There will be an awards presentation at a venue and date to be confirmed by SAF where the winner of the Judges' and Public Prizes will be announced. **– invitation only.**

(9) SALE OF WORK

9.1) As the purpose of the prize is not only to give student artists a platform but also to raise money for charitable purposes through the sale of works, it is strongly encouraged that works be available for sale.

9.2) Finalists must set an artwork price that is in line with normal values for student work and therefore artwork starting bid and reserve cannot be over HKD8,000. Most should be in the range of HKD1,000 – 8,000.

9.3) SAF will agree on an acceptable and reasonable sales price with each finalist..

9.4) If a finalist's artwork is sold, they will be entitled to receive 50% of the sale proceeds, with the other 50% being retained for charitable purposes to further the aims of SAF.

9.5) If not sold all entries on display are to be collected by the student artist, by their school, or by someone on their behalf (except for any works agreed as per terms outlined in GENERAL CONDITIONS below).

9.6) SAF will bear no responsibility for artworks that remain uncollected by the end of the collection period, as advised by SAF.

(10) GENERAL CONDITIONS

Unless otherwise agreed with SAF in writing, the finalists agree and consent to the following:

- 10.1) Give SAF the right to reproduce the images for any purposes relevant to this competition.
- 10.2) Give The Sovereign Group of companies the right to reproduce the images (with full credit to the students) for Sovereign marketing materials.
- 10.3) SAF may produce limited edition prints of the finalist works to further its charitable aims. The student agrees to assist SAF to achieve this purpose.
- 10.4) SAF to deal with the work and its reproductions in any manner as it deems fit.
- 10.5) SAF reserves the right to reproduce images of any entry, take photos, etc for any documentary, educational, publicity or other purpose.

