



APPLICATION FORM

All applications must include the following information. Separate applications must be submitted for each eligible program. **Deadline: June 2, 2017.** Please include this application form with electronic entry.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: Louisa County

Program Title: Student Art @Work

Program Category: Public Relations

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THE COUNTY OF LOUISA

2017 Virginia Association of Counties - Achievement Award Submission

STUDENT ART@WORK PROGRAM

A partnership between Louisa County Administration and Louisa County Public Schools which showcases student art for the benefit of our citizens.



OVERVIEW

The students of Louisa County Public Schools create superb art on an ongoing basis, and our public buildings benefit from any feature which adds cheer and showcases the talent of our local youth. To



this end, Louisa County Administration partnered with Louisa County Public Schools to create the Student Art@Work program.

Introduction

Louisa County Administration worked with staff at Louisa County Public Schools (LCPS) to facilitate the Student Art@Work Program, which showcases student art work in our public facilities. LCPS holds their annual Art Festival every March, for which students at all grade levels are encouraged to submit art works.

The Art Festival includes hundreds of pieces and for the Program, a panel of LCPS staff selects 15-20 pieces of art from all grade levels at the Festival. These works are professionally framed in conjunction with staff at the County's Department of General Services over the summer. The selected pieces are unveiled in a special ceremony each autumn, and representatives from the Board of Supervisors, School Board, school and County administration and staff, students and their parents, the media and others attend this reception.

General Services also installed environmentally-friendly LED art lighting fixtures in display areas. Pieces are displayed for a full year, after which they are returned (in frame) to the artist and the cycle begins again. Our next unveiling is slated for September 2017.

Partnerships, Implementation, and Staffing

Collaboration between the County and Louisa County Public Schools facilitates our simple program. Art Instructors work with students as their art is created, and then work with one another to select those pieces which will be displayed. Basic size requirements are communicated if students would like their works considered for the program, and art instructors communicate framing sizes to General Services and Administration so that framing and display locations can be planned.

Program costs are very low, and cover materials/framing, publication and supplies for the Program reception, and the minimal amount of emergency necessary to operate the LED display lighting.



Results

The Student Art@Work Program has been in place for two years, and we are extremely pleased with the results. This year, 16 works of Louisa County student art are proudly displayed in our public facilities, and that number will increase in the coming cycle.



County staff hear regular compliments from the public when they see the works of art, read the information at the bottom of each, and realize that our simple effort is improving the appearance of our public facilities, generating a positive response from our visitors, and showcasing our local talent at minimal cost. Students are excited at the potential to have their work displayed, honored if their



piece is selected, and pleased to have their work professionally framed when it is returned to them. Student Art@Work is working indeed.

CONCLUSION

Louisa County's Student Art@Work Program is a cost-effective method for improving our governmental facilities, bringing smiles to our citizens, and supporting the aspiring young artists in our community. Thanks to talented youth and their families, willing and collaborative staff, and a community which values such efforts, the Program has been a complete success.