

2013 MI Great Artist contest accepting entries through Oct. 4

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Submissions are still being accepted for the 2013 MI Great Artist contest with participants this year having the chance to win \$3,000 in prizes.

Artists who are 18 or older, and living, working or going to school in Oakland, Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Shiawassee or St. Clair counties are eligible to submit their work for the contest.

Artwork can include oil, acrylic, watercolor, ink, pastel and collage, but photography and digital artwork is excluded.

Up to five 2-D works can be submitted [online](#)

at www.MIGreatArtist.com for a public vote, which will take place Oct. 18-31 to determine the top 20 artists. A panel of judges will announce the top five artists Nov. 15. There will be an exhibition of the five semi-finalists at Park West Gallery in Southfield from Dec. 2 to Jan. 3.

The annual art competition, which ends Oct. 4, was started last year by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Albert Scaglione, CEO of Park West Gallery, as a quality of life initiative.

Judges include Scaglione; Elliott Broom, vice president of museum operations at the Detroit Institute of Arts; Dominic Pangborn, founder of Pangborn Design Collection; Don Tocco, an artist whose work includes award-winning photography, paintings and sculptures; and Kristie Everett Zamora, arts, culture and film coordinator for Oakland County's Department of Economic Development and Community Affairs.

Patterson and Scaglione will announce the winner at an evening gallery reception Dec. 12. For a complete list of rules, visit the website.

The winner of the contest will receive \$1,500 in [cash](#)

, a scholarship to attend three business basics workshops at the Oakland County One Stop Shop and a one-hour consultation with an Oakland County business development representative.

He or she also may have submitted artwork framed by Park West Gallery. It will be featured on a poster promoting an Oakland County event.

In addition, the winner will have a solo exhibition at the gallery in Southfield and a two-month solo exhibition at the Oakland County Galleria in the Executive Office Building in Waterford.

Four runners-up will each receive \$375 in cash, framing by Park West Gallery of up to five artworks, a [scholarship](#)

to attend one business basics workshop at the Oakland County One Stop Shop, a one-hour consultation with an Oakland County business development representative and a two-month solo exhibition in the Oakland County Galleria.

Last year, more than 120 artists entered the competition. Deborah Hyde of West Bloomfield won for her unique quilts, which are on display at Park West Gallery.