

# The 10th Art Writer Award for High School Students

第10回高校生アートライター大賞

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Application deadline  
**Friday, Sept. 30, 2022**

**ESSAYS IN ENGLISH** Write your thoughts on art in English within 1000 words. **TOPIC THEMES** Japanese Art / Creative Experience / Art and Life 2022

**HOW TO APPLY** Submit your essay through the official website.  
<https://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp/-awa/>



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Katsushika Hokusai,  
Great Wave off Kanagawa,  
The Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji  
(Partially processed image)

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## Essays in English

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### Topic Themes

#### **Japanese Art**

Write about Japanese art.

#### **Creative Experience**

Write about your experience of creating art work.

#### **Art and Life 2022**

Write about art and life in contemporary worldwide situations.

You may write an essay that spans more than one topic.

### **Application deadline: Friday, Sept 30, 2022**

Announcement of Results: March, 2023 (online)

### **Awards**

(Number of awards may change according to the volume of submissions.)

Grand Prize – 1 to 3 entries / Award for Excellence – 5 to 10 entries / Winning Entries – 10 to 20 entries

### **Rules**

Applicants must be high school students or students attending a public institution equivalent to an upper secondary school (in Japan, mostly ages ranging from 15 to 18 years old) at the time of the application.

The essay must be written by the individual within 1000 words in English.

Please give each essay a title.

You may think and write logically about the topic like a short thesis.

You may talk about your personal feelings as you might when reminiscing.

You may also focus on reporting a topic as would a journalist.

Although “Art” will be assumed to describe visual arts focused on art and design, the essay writer is free to define art according to his or her own view.

### **Organizations**

Hosted by the School of Art and Design, University of Tsukuba

Endorsed by

Agency for Cultural Affairs (Government of Japan)

Ibaraki Prefecture

InSEA (International Society for Education Through Art)

Cooperated by Turner Color Inc.

Directed by the Art Environment Support in the University of Tsukuba

### **Contact**

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## Procedures for Applying

Follow the instructions and submit your essay through the official website.  
<https://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp/~awa/>

- [1] Download necessary files by clicking the "Download Files" button at the upper part of the web page.
- [2] Write your essay using the Template file (Word, artwriter10E\_template).
- [3] Rename the essay file using the applicant's name in English (**last name\_first name**).  
For example, Mr. Pablo Picasso's essay would be "picasso\_pablo".  
We will only accept documents submitted in ".docx" or ".doc" Microsoft Word formats.
- [4] Click "Go to Application Form" at the upper part of the web page and fill in the necessary items on the form.  
You can save and resume your progress by clicking "Save" at the bottom of the form.
- [5] Attach your essay file by clicking "Upload."  
Check that you have filled all the items and click "Submit" at the bottom of the form.  
The message "Your application was submitted." will be shown.  
You will receive an e-mail notifying you that your submission has been completed (Be careful that you do not fill in the incorrect e-mail address).

## Things to Keep in Mind When Writing the Essay

### Title and Other Information

Fill in the file name (applicant's **last name\_first name**), name of the high school, the country where the school is, the title of the essay, and the applicant's name in the column at the top of the template.

### Main Text

You may use subheadings throughout the main text to give your essay a clearer structure.

### Quotes and References

If you quote the thoughts or words of another person, use double quotation marks around the text (" ") and clarify within the body of the essay who the author is.

For example: McClellan stated, "Art museums have never been more popular" (McClellan 2008, 1).  
(Author's surname publication year, quoted pages).

### Make a list of references and place it after the essay.

From a book:

McClellan, Andrew. 2008. *The Art Museum from Bullée to Bilbao*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press.

(Author's surname, first name. Publication year. *Title of book*. Location: Publisher.)

From a journal article:

Ashton, Alex. 2016. "Drawing on Philosophy – An Investigation of Theory in Praxis." *International Journal of Education Through Art*, 12: 271-289.

(Author's surname, first name. Publication year. "Article title." *Journal title*, volume number: page numbers.)

From the internet:

School of Art and Design. 2019. "History of the School of Art and Design." Accessed April 1, 2019. <http://www.geijutsu.tsukuba.ac.jp>.

(Author's name. Publication year. "Article title." Accessed date. URL)

### **Make a list of figures and place it after the essay.**

If you quote images from a book or other materials, list the reference as shown below:

Figure 1. A page from the instruction book for professional painters. Hokusai Katsushika, *Ehon Saishikitsu*, 1848, 54-55.

(Title of the image. Author's name, *Book title*, publication year, page numbers)

If you show images of your art work, list them as below:

Figure 2. Alex Ashton, Untitled; a drawing from my sketchbook, 2020. Photo by the author.

(Artist's name, Title of the work, year of creation. The photographer's name, etc.)

The list of reference materials is not included in the word count.

These examples use Chicago Manual of Style. Other standard styles, such as The Modern Language Association (MLA), are acceptable.

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### **Pictures and Photographs**

Show the images and art works you refer to in the essay.

However, rather than pasting lots of images at once in the essay, try to effectively place necessary images throughout the essay in a way that ensures things can easily be seen.

Directly paste the images within the essay file, and use the "text wrap" setting within Word so that the images and text do not end up on top of each other.

If any artistic works are used in the essay, provide a brief explanation of the work in parentheses (Artist's name, Title of work, size, materials used, technique used, year of creation, place housing the work, etc.) in the body of the essay.

Alternatively, you can provide these explanation as a caption below the image.

In that case, put a caption in a textbox and place it below the image.

Then, use the grouping function in Word to group the textbox and image together.

This makes the layout easier to maintain.

If more than one image is placed within the essay, add a number to the caption for the picture in the chronological order that it appears, such as Figure 1.

Note that if the contest hosts decide to publicly display a submitted essay, the work may be presented with images removed for copyright reasons.

### **Personal Information**

Information submitted through the online application form will be encrypted and safely stored.

Any personal information submitted will be strictly managed and controlled and will only be used for this contest and research for its development.

The University of Tsukuba's School of Art and Design will hold the copyright of all submitted essays.

The University of Tsukuba may publicize essays as published material or over the internet.