## JIA Future Artists Award 2024

Category: <u>Illustration</u> Deadline: May 31, 2024 Website: <u>https://graphiccompetitions.com</u>



The JIA Future Artists Award, organized by the Japan Illustrators' Association (JIA), represents a cornerstone initiative in the global art community's efforts to spotlight and foster the burgeoning talents of young illustrators. Launched with the dual mission of celebrating artistic achievement among children and youth worldwide and facilitating cross-cultural dialogue through the universal language of art, this prestigious competition has quickly become a beacon for aspiring artists aged 6 to 16. By providing a platform for these young creators, JIA not only highlights their unique perspectives but also encourages a deeper understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and experiences through the visual arts.

Structured to recognize and honor the extraordinary talent and creativity of its young participants, the JIA Future Artists Award invites entries from across the globe, with no restrictions on nationality, thereby ensuring a rich tapestry of artistic expressions. The award categories are thoughtfully designed to accommodate a wide age range, acknowledging the varying levels of skill and expression inherent to different developmental stages. Each submission is evaluated by a distinguished panel of judges, comprising seasoned professionals in the field of illustration, who bring a wealth of experience and insight to the judging process. This careful and considered approach underscores the award's commitment to nurturing genuine talent and providing all participants with a fair and meaningful opportunity to showcase their work.

The benefits of participation extend far beyond the immediate recognition and prizes. Winning young artists receive cash prizes, certificates, and, notably, complimentary participation in significant illustration exhibitions. These exhibitions, staged in prominent cities, offer an invaluable platform for the artists to gain exposure, connect with peers and industry professionals, and engage with a broader audience. Moreover, the touring exhibitions serve as a vibrant testament to the power and potential of young creativity, inspiring communities and sparking conversations about the role of art in society. Through initiatives like the JIA Future Artists Award, the Japan Illustrators' Association plays a crucial role in shaping the next generation of artists, celebrating their achievements, and promoting a global appreciation of the arts.

The entry fee is 3,500 JPY (approximately 25 USD) per artwork, and group entries is 3,200 JPY per artwork for

groups of five or more.

## Eligibility

Open worldwide to children and youth aged 6-16 (born between March 1, 2008, and May 31, 2018) are eligible to participate.

## Prize

Prizes are divided into three age categories (6-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-16 years) with each category offering a Gold Prize of 130 USD, Silver Prizes, and Bronze Prizes, all including certificates and exhibition catalogs. Group submissions from educational institutions can also win a Best Institution award. Additionally, all awarded artworks will be displayed in exhibitions, promoting significant international exposure for the young artists.