

ILLUSTRATION

JIA ILLUSTRATION AWARD 2025

DEADLINE

30 JUN 2025

ENTRIES CLOSED

POSTED	ENTRY FEE	ONLINE
8 Apr 2025	5	VISIT ORGANIZER

DETAILS / KEEP FOR REFERENCE

SOURCE: GRAPHIC COMPETITIONS

The JIA Illustration Award 2025, hosted by the Japan Illustrators' Association (JIA), is an international competition that seeks to identify, promote, and nurture outstanding illustration talent from across the globe. Held annually, this illustration contest attracts professional illustrators, emerging artists, amateurs, and students who wish to showcase their creativity and originality. Participants are invited to submit works across diverse artistic styles and mediums, including digital illustrations, traditional hand-drawn art, and three-dimensional creations, making it an inclusive platform for illustrators of all backgrounds and specializations.

Recognized for its emphasis on discovering undiscovered talent, the JIA Illustration Award offers illustrators a valuable opportunity to gain visibility and recognition in the highly competitive creative industries, particularly in publishing, advertising, and visual media. By providing a reputable public exhibition platform, the contest aims to serve as a crucial career stepping-stone for talented artists who have yet to break through professionally or gain exposure to influential clients. Winning illustrations receive prominent exhibition space in the JIA Illustration Award Exhibition held periodically in China, enhancing the artists' profiles and connecting them directly with publishers, art directors, advertising executives, and creative industry leaders.

In addition to its role as a professional gateway, the JIA Illustration Award promotes high artistic standards and originality by imposing clear submission criteria that exclude AI-generated and previously commissioned artwork, thus ensuring all entries remain unique and authentic. Artists benefit not only from the significant prize pool of 800,000 yen but also from supplementary prizes, digital certificates, and potential exemptions from membership fees within the Japan Illustrators' Association. As a respected global competition with rigorous judging by established art professionals, the JIA Illustration Award continues to uphold its reputation for excellence, integrity, and impactful contributions to the international illustration community.

Entry fee: 5,000 yen for one piece (discounts apply for multiple entries and JIA members).

ELIGIBILITY

Open to anyone worldwide, professional or amateur, regardless of age or nationality.

PRIZE

The award offers a total prize pool of 800,000 yen, with a Grand Prix winner receiving 500,000 yen, Gold Award 200,000 yen, and Platinum Award 100,000 yen, all accompanied by digital certificates and supplementary prizes. Silver (20 artists) and Bronze (30 artists) awards include digital certificates and additional benefits, such as potential exemption from JIA membership fees. All winning works are exhibited in the "JIA Illustration Award Exhibition" in China, providing significant exposure to industry professionals and potential career opportunities.