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NORVAL STUDENT ART PRIZE APPLICATION FORM 2026

The Norval Foundation invites you to participate in our Norval Student Art Prize.

WHAT: The Norval Foundation is an art museum focused on African and South African modern and contemporary art, as well as making art accessible to the South African public. Through the Norval Student Art Prize, we want to give children and youths the opportunity to voice their opinions, thoughts, hopes and dreams for the future of South Africa. This year our theme is **DREAM**, inspired by the exhibition *Tanda Rima* by Portia Zvavahera.

WHO: All learners from grades 1 to 12 can enter this competition. To ensure that judging is fair, there are four grade categories (Foundation Phase, Intermediate Phase, Senior Phase and FET Phase), each entry will be judged according to their grade category, and each category has their own set of winners.

WHY: At Norval Foundation, our aim is to champion African artists, make art education accessible and grow the cultural awareness of fine art. Through this Art Prize, we hope to encourage the next generation to engage meaningfully with art exhibitions, their own expression, and the future of our country.

WHEN: Submissions **open** on **20 April 2026** and **close** on **24 May 2026**. We will be holding an opening event for all winners and guests on **16 June 2026 – Youth Day**.

WHERE: This Art Prize aims to empower learners within the Western Cape by encouraging them to put their ideas out into the world to be heard. All artworks are to be submitted to **Norval Foundation** at the front desk between 10am and 5pm where their submission will be recorded. The Art Prize exhibition will be hosted at Norval Foundation on 16 June 2026.

THEME: The theme for this year's Art Prize is Dream. What do you dream about? What are your ambitions? Who do you want to become? What do you want the future to look like? These are all important questions for young people to consider, and our hope is that the theme, Dream, will encourage children and youths to think about their future, what they imagine the future to look like as well as who they dream of becoming one day.

REQUIREMENTS: Please ensure that your artwork is aligned with the following

- **Format:** 2D artworks can be A4 or A3 size / 3D artworks or sculptures may be a maximum size of 30cmx30cm.



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- **Medium:** You may use any medium or material
- The application form and indemnity form must be filled in, signed, and submitted with the artwork.
- The artwork must be relevant to the theme, ***Dream***

Norval Students Art Prize Terms and Conditions:

Entry for this Art Prize is **free of charge**; however, it requires your acceptance of these official terms and conditions.

At Norval Foundation, we respect your right to privacy and take personal data protection seriously. We therefore have policies in place to ensure that we are in alignment with the relevant legislation on the protection of personal data, namely the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI Act).

Binding the Agreement:

In order to enter the Art Prize, you must agree to the Norval Student Art Prize Terms and Conditions. Please read through these terms and conditions carefully prior to entering to ensure that you understand, agree to, and fully comply with the terms and conditions set out below. By signing the terms and conditions you agree that your entry complies with the terms and conditions and that it forms a binding legal agreement between you and Norval Foundation. By entering the Norval Student Art Prize, you agree to comply with and abide by the terms and conditions, accept that the submitted artwork will be judged by a panel according to age category, and accept the adjudicated decisions made by the judging panel as final.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to enter the Norval Student Art Prize, the applicant must be of school-going age (grades 1 to 12). If the applicant is under 18 years old at the moment of submission, they will require legal representation by a parent or legal guardian.

Awards:

Prizes will be awarded to all first, second and third place winners. Each grade category has its own set of winners. No monetary prizes will be awarded to any applicant.

Judging



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The Norval Students Art Prize has a designated panel of judges who will be judging each artwork using a points system according to a set of criteria. The Criteria used to judge the artworks includes:

- Relevance to the theme
- Concept or story
- Emotionally evocative
- Use of technique and/or art materials
- Originality /Wow factor

Submission Requirements and Terms & Conditions:

- Each applicant may only enter **one (1) artwork** into the competition.
- Applicants must be residing in the Western Cape, South Africa.
- The required format for two-dimensional artworks: A4 or A3 in size. The substrate and medium are the applicant's own choice with the **learner's full name and grade** written on the envelope, and on the reverse of the artwork.
- The required format for three-dimensional artworks: must be no larger than 30cm high, 30cm wide, and 30cm deep. The medium is the applicant's choice. The **learner's full name and grade** must appear on the bottom of the sculpture
- We will not accept any artwork that is made of materials that are perishable or likely to degrade as this can cause damage to other artworks.
- Each artwork must have an **application form and declaration** attached for administration purposes. Any artwork that does not include an application form and declaration will not be entered into the competition and there is no guarantee that the learner will be able to receive it back as we do not have all the required information.
- Norval Foundation cannot accept any responsibility whatsoever for entries that are lost, delayed, incomplete, not properly registered or recorded or could not be delivered or entered into the Art Prize on time.
- Each entry must be the applicant's **own work**; it must not be copied from another image or artist.
- Any written text accompanying the artwork must be the applicant's own writing (Ai usage is not acceptable)
- The applicant's artwork needs to be **inspired by the prescribed theme** and must be accompanied by an explanation of how the artwork relates to the theme.
- Artworks submitted after the closing date (24 May 2026) will not be accepted. All dates are subject to change.
- All artworks must be submitted to the Norval Foundation Front Desk during open hours (Please check online as to when we are open).
- Artworks may not be derogatory, discriminatory, offensive, threatening, defamatory, slanderous, or contain any inappropriate, profane, sexually explicit content, or content that promotes the



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harming of oneself or others in any way. If an artwork is found to contain any of the aforementioned content, it will not be deemed eligible for the Art Prize as it does not comply with the spirit of the Art Prize.

- Artworks submitted should not include any logos or slogans of any brands or contain any information that would violate another person's privacy.
 - The applicant agrees to receive emails/phone calls/SMS's from Norval Foundation regarding the outcome of their submission and any further information regarding the Art Prize.
 - The applicant understands that the submission of their artwork gives Norval Foundation permission to take photographs of their artwork for our various media platforms.
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Application Form: (Attach this form to the back of your artwork)

First name(s) and surname:						
First name (s) and surname of parent/legal guardian						
Email address of the parent/legal guardian						
Contact number of the parent/legal guardian						
Age category: Mark an X next to the applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 3
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 6
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 9
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 11	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grade 12
Title of Artwork:						
Medium(s) or material(s) used:						
Write about your artwork (How does it relate to the theme, <i>Dream</i>)						



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Declaration:

Parent/Legal Guardian

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, hereby declare that I have given my son/daughter permission to participate in the Norval Students' Art Prize and that I have read, acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions set out by the Norval Foundation and that the artwork submitted is my child's own work and fully complies with the terms and conditions.

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____