

Celebrating 25th anniversary of the Portrait Society of Canada
2026 Young Artist Portrait Competition
November 1-20, 2026

The thirteen National Portrait Competition for children sponsored by the Portrait Society of Canada and will be an on-line competition. It is open to all Canadian Young visual artists between the ages of 8-18 who are interested in the art of portrait in Canada.

As the only professional on-line Youth Competition in Fine Art Portraiture in Canada this will be a unique opportunity to encourage public recognition on the specialty subject of the Portrait in Contemporary Canadian art.

The competition will be comprised of two main divisions: the first one being for kids between 8-13 years old and for youth between the ages of 14-18.

Young artists born between Oct 1, 2008 and Oct 1, 2018 are eligible for entry in the competition.

The entry deadline is October 20, 2026

Prizes:

2026 Best Kids Portrait \$ 500 00 cad

2026 Best Youth Portrait \$ 500.00 cad

Young Artists are invited to submit digital images of their work(s). Jurying will be conducted by a selection committee appointed by the Portrait Society of Canada. Top Finalists' works will be displayed on our Portrait Society web site from November 1 - 20, 2026.

The final judging winners will be announced on November 20 at 12 noon.

All submissions will be rated for composition, technique, application and overall vitality of the portrait.

Cash Awards will be mailed to the winners on November 21, 2026.

Competition Timetable

Deadline for submissions:	October 20, 2026
Top Finalists on displays:	November 1-20, 2026
On-line exhibition of Finalists:	November 1-20, 2026
Final Judging:	November 20, 2026
Awards mail out:	November 21, 2026

2026 Young Artist Portrait Competition

RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Open to all Canadian(residents) children and Young artists from 8-18 years old.
- Born between October 1, 2008 and October 1, 2018
- Portrait drawings, paintings and Sculptures, all media (2 and 3 dimensional, graphite, color pencils, pastels, markers, pen, acrylic, oil, watercolor, clay, terracotta are acceptable).
- The submitted portrait work must be an original work of art, created from a live model or self portrait of the young artist in the last 2 years. Photos from the internet and copy of artworks of other photographers are not permitted for the competition
- Entry is to be by digital images on cd for PC, Flash Drive, JPEG Format up to 2MB in size.
- Artists name, title of work, medium and size has to appear on cd/flash drive and the registration form
- The Registration form should be signed by a parent and/or Legal guardian, registration forms without parent signature will be automatically withdrawn from the competition.
- Entry fee is 40.00 Cad per art work. Up to 4(four) entries per Young artist
- CDs WILL NOT BE RETURNED(Exception: only for self-stamped and addressed envelopes which accompany the CD)
- Address the envelope to the Portrait Society of Canada, 1057 Steeles Avenue West, P.O. Box 81665, Toronto, Ontario, M2R3X1, Canada
- All entries must be postmarked on or before October 20.2026
- Deadline for entry October 20, 2026

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Kids portrait 8-13 y. o. category

Registration Form

Artists Name_____

Date of birth_____ age on Oct 1, 2026_____

Parent (legal guardian) Name_____

Address_____

City_____ Province_____ Postal Code_____

E-mail_____ Phone Number_____

Name of school _____ Date _____

I _____ (name of parent/legal guardian) have full knowledge that my child is entering the abovementioned competition in fine art portraiture. I agree to provide to my child the entry fee by personal cheque or money order, bank card for the competing work. I take full financial responsibility in case my child will be a prize winner.

Parent (Guardian) Signature_____

Artist Signature_____

Parent (Guardian) phone _____ email_____

Title of portraits	medium	size	year created
1			
2			
3			
4:			

Competition entries ____ \$40 cad/per image (up to 4 images accepted)
CD, flash drive enclosed ____ (all images need to be in PC, JPEG format, max 2 MB in

Total: _____ cad

Please make your check or Money Order payable to the Portrait Society of Canada.
Return to: 1057 Steeles Avenue West, P.O. Box 81665 Toronto, ON, M2R3X1, Canada
Charge my Visa_____ Mastercard_____ Total amount _____ cad
Card Number _____ Date of Expiry ____ / ____ CVV ____
Cardholder Name _____ Cardholder Signature _____

2026 Young Artist Portrait Competition

Youth portrait 14-18 y. o. category

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Artists Name_____

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