

2025 Next Art Tainan Award

Cultural Affairs Bureau, Tainan City Government

Submission Guide

1. About the Award

The Tainan City Government has organized the *Next Art Tainan Award* since 2013 to support young artists in their creative endeavors, invigorate the art market, and establish a platform for collaboration between artists and businesses. Aiming to discover the "next rising stars," the Award solicits artworks from outstanding young artists nationwide and exhibits them at art galleries in Tainan. Each year, a curator is specially appointed to plan different themes for the *Next Art Tainan Award* and to facilitate the collaboration between emerging artists and gallery spaces, thereby promoting the development of contemporary art.

2. Highlights

- 1) Applications are accepted through an open call, with registration available for individual or group categories. The works are judged across the two categories.**
- 2) In principle, ten award recipients (both individuals and groups) will be selected for the *Next Art Taiwan Award*. Their works will be exhibited in selected galleries in Taiwan. The recipients will also be able to participate in the Art Tainan exhibition.**

3. Organizers

- 1) Supervising organization: Minister of Culture
- 2) Organizers: Tainan City Government Cultural Affairs Bureau and Tainan City Cultural Foundation.

4. Qualifications and Application Requirements

1) Qualifications

- (i) For individuals:** Applicants must be born after January 1984 and have no exclusive representation contract with any gallery. The Award is limited to individuals with Republic of China (Taiwan) nationality or those holding a Republic of China residence permit or legal residency status.

- (ii) For groups: Each group member must meet the aforementioned qualifications for individuals. The information on group name, group representative name, and the list of all group members must also be provided upon submission.

2) Application Method

All applications must be submitted online. Please visit the official “*Next Art Tainan Award*” website (<http://next-art.tainan.gov.tw/>) to complete the online application.

3) Online Application

- (i) Personal information (including basic information, contact details, highest education, exhibition experience, award records, and the front and back of the ID card in JPG file); group applicants should provide a list and details of all group members.
- (ii) An affidavit declaring that the artist does not have an exclusive representation contract with any gallery.
- (iii) Information about the artwork should include the title, medium, dimensions, year of creation, and artist's statement (limited to 200 words, including punctuation). Entries are categorized into two-dimensional, three-dimensional, video, and installation works. The works will not be judged by category, but for administrative purposes, artists should select the type of artwork accordingly. Please upload one primary artwork and two reference artworks.
- (iv) Once the materials are uploaded and the application process is complete, no changes to the application information will be accepted.

4) Submission Formats

Images of the uploaded artworks will be used for event promotion, including the design of promotional materials. To ensure quality in submissions and promotional materials, please upload according to the following file formats:

- (i) **Two-dimensional:** For each artwork, please upload one full image and up to two partial detail images. File formats should be JPG file, between 2MB and 20MB in size, with a resolution of 300dpi, and dimensions of at least 3,000x3,000 pixels.
- (ii) **Three-dimensional:** For each artwork, please upload one main image and up to three partial detail images showing different angles. File formats should be JPG file, between 2MB and 20MB in size, with a resolution of 300dpi, and dimensions of at least 3,000x3,000 pixels.
- (iii) **Video:** Digital videos should be a maximum of 5 minutes in length, in MP4 format, and should not exceed 800MB in file size.
- (iv) **Installation:** For each artwork, please upload one main image and up to three partial detail images showing different angles within the space. File formats should

ould be JPG file, between 2MB and 20MB in size, with a resolution of 300dpi, and dimensions of at least 3,000x3,000 pixels. For digital audiovisual files, they should be a maximum of 3 minutes long and total no more than 600MB. Video files should be in MP4 format, and audio files should be in MP3 format.

5. Submission Deadline

- 1) Please submit your application from midnight (12:00 a.m.) on July 15, 2024 to 5:30 p.m. on August 30, 2024.
- 2) Participants must upload all required information before the submission deadline. If the information is not fully uploaded by the deadline, the application will be considered unsuccessful.
- 3) Applications with late submission or incomplete information will not be accepted. Please ensure timely submission.
- 4) The selection results will be announced by the Bureau, and the selected applicants will be notified by phone. Unselected candidates will not be notified separately.

6. About the Judging Process

- 1) A judging panel composed of curators and experts appointed by the Bureau will evaluate the submitted materials to select the award recipients and those suitable for participation in Art Tainan.
- 2) The judging panel reserves the right to withhold awards if the submissions do not meet the required standards.
- 3) The submitted materials will not be returned to the applicants after the judging process, and applicants may not request their return.

7. Awards and Subsequent Support

- 1) The award recipients will have their artworks exhibited in professional gallery spaces in Tainan City. Additionally, several recipients (approximately three) will be selected by the Bureau to participate in an international or domestic art fair.
- 2) All award recipients are required to participate in the *Next Art Tainan Award* exhibition. Our Bureau will provide an exhibition remuneration of **NT\$60,000**. Artists are responsible for the transportation, installation, and dismantling of their exhibition works, and no additional costs will be covered by the Bureau. After the exhibition concludes, artists must submit a final report (including exhibition photos, etc.) and personal receipts for reimbursement.
- 3) Up to two *Next Art Tainan Award* winners will receive priority consideration for the 2026 Artist-in-Residence Program at the Tsung-Yeh Arts and Cultural Cent

er. Please refer to “A Guide to the Artist-in-Residence Program” for rights and obligations at the following website: <http://air-culture.tainan.gov.tw>.

- 4) Our Bureau will assist in marketing and promotion and will produce promotional materials, including event brochures. We will also schedule a press conference and an awards ceremony, and publish a special exhibition catalog for the *Next Art Tainan Award*.

8. Additional Notices: (all applications must read these notices carefully)

- 1) The recipients of the 2025 *Next Art Tainan Award* will exhibit their artworks at local galleries in Tainan from March 13, 2025 (Thursday) to April 13, 2025 (Sunday) (tentative schedule). Our Bureau reserves the right to pair the artists with respective exhibition venues. If a recipient is unable to adhere to the **exhibition schedule** due to unforeseen circumstances, it will be considered an automatic forfeiture, and their place will be filled by an alternate candidate without grounds for objection.
- 2) The purpose of this award is to support artists in entering the market. Award recipients will be paired up with curators commissioned by our Bureau to exhibit in gallery spaces in Tainan. The curator will plan the exhibition format according to the characteristics of the gallery space and has the final decision-making authority on the exhibition format. If an award recipient is unable to cooperate or **provide sufficient artworks for exhibition** due to unforeseen circumstances, it will be considered as automatic forfeiture, and their place will be filled by an alternate candidate without grounds for objection.
- 3) The participating Tainan galleries for this edition are Asir Art Museum, Da Xin Art Museum, Mizuiro Workshop, Inart Space, Absolute Space for the Arts, Aglow Art Space, Der-Horng Art Gallery, Mezzo Art, Soka Art, and San Gallery. (These are the ten planned galleries, and our Bureau reserves the right to make final additions, deletions, or changes.)
- 4) Award recipients must adhere to the exhibition guidelines of each gallery and negotiate their prices in collaboration with the gallery. Failure to comply will result in the cancellation of the exhibition and forfeiture of the award, without grounds for objection.
- 5) **Once the artist-gallery pairing list is announced, the award recipients must discuss with the curator and gallery space manager within 30 days to outline an exhibition plan.** This plan should include exhibition format, spatial layout, artwork list, pricing, etc. **Once agreed upon by the curator and gallery space, the exhibition plan cannot be changed without further approval.**
- 6) **In principle, the exhibited works of the award recipients should consist of at least**

st 50% of the submitted entries. If necessary, this percentage may be reduced if agreed upon by the organizer, curator, and gallery space manager.

- 7) During the exhibition period, all artworks must be available for sale to the public. Artists may not engage in exhibition or consignment contracts with other entities.
- 8) Our Bureau will arrange a separate tripartite contract with the award recipients and their matched galleries, detailing exhibition rights and obligations.
- 9) Award recipients are responsible for arranging the exhibition and dismantling after the exhibition concludes. Transportation and accommodation during the installation and dismantling periods are the responsibility of the award recipients.
- 10) Award recipients are required to attend relevant events organized by our Bureau (such as press conferences, award ceremonies, etc.). For recipients traveling from outside of Tainan City, actual transportation expenses will be reimbursed by our Bureau (excluding taxi fares; for group entries, expenses will cover one group representative).
- 11) Participation in Art Tainan will be coordinated and notified separately by our Bureau. If an award recipient is unable to exhibit in Art Tainan due to unforeseen circumstances, it will be considered forfeiture of their place, and the position will be filled by an alternate candidate without objection. During the exhibition period, participants must adhere to exhibition guidelines. Fifty percent of any transaction proceeds will go to the gallery space, and the remaining fifty percent will belong to the artist.
- 12) To facilitate exhibition marketing and promotion, *Next Art Tainan Award* recipients agree to authorize the Bureau to use images of their submitted and exhibited artworks for printed materials and promotional media, including brochures, catalogs, television, digital media (including but not limited to CDs), and the internet.
- 13) Submitted artworks and ownership must belong to the applicant and must not involve copying, plagiarism of others' work, infringement of intellectual property rights, submission of false application information, or unwillingness to participate in the exhibition. In case of any of these situations, the submission or award qualification may be revoked. Our Bureau reserves the right to determine whether to accept substitute candidates.

9. **Schedule** (Our Bureau reserves the right to make changes to the schedule as needed.)

| Item | Scheduled Time | Note |
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| Announce the Submission Guide | End of June, 2024 | The Guide will be published on our official website and relevant art magazines. |
| Call for Submissions | 12:00 a.m. on July 15, 2024 to 5:30 p.m. on August 30, 2024 | Online submission |
| Announce Award Recipients | September 2024 | (TBD) |
| Press Conference on List of Artists and Exhibition Galleries | November 2024 | Sign contracts between award recipients and galleries. |
| Exhibition Preparation | March 2025 | Specific timelines should be adjusted according to gallery space availability. |
| Art Tainan Exhibition | March 13 to March 16 | (TBD) |
| <i>Next Art Tainan Award</i> Exhibition | March 13 to April 13, 2025 | (TBD) |
| Award Exhibition | March 14, 2025 | (TBD) |
| Dismantling | April 2025 | After the exhibition concludes, artists must communicate with the responsible person of the galleries to arrange the dismantling schedule according to the venue's availability. |

10. Main contact

For any questions, please call: 06-3901029

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11. If there are any matters not covered in this Guide, our Bureau reserves the right to amend and supplement it, with the latest updates posted on the official event website.