

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY BENEFITS

ABOUT THE NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY PROGRAMS

Since 1978, the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) Programs support student members in their efforts to attain the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service. For more than 40 years, the National Art Honor Society programs have provided national recognition and opportunities for students who exhibit outstanding scholarship in the visual arts, and for their teachers. Participation in NAHS provides your students, faculty, school, and community with invaluable benefits—including peer recognition, leadership growth opportunities, college and career preparation, recognition of your art program, and so much more!

NAHS STUDENT BENEFITS

Opportunities for national recognition, scholarships, leadership experience, and connectivity to 50,000+ outstanding arts students worldwide are available to members of an NAHS or NJAHS chapter, including:

Publication in [NAHS News](#)

NAHS News is a semiyearly, full-color, electronic newsletter. Issues feature reports and photos from chapters across the country, student artwork, award winners, and general program information. Circulation reaches over 58,000+ students and 3,500 art teachers in 2,000+ student chapters.

- Winter issue deadline: November 1, 2025 (issue published in January)
- Spring issue deadline: March 1, 2026 (issue published in May)

Submit Artwork to the [NAHS/NJAHS Juried Exhibition](#)

The annual National Art Honor Society Juried Exhibitions showcase the artwork of talented student artists who are members of the NAHS and NJAHS programs. Artworks with the highest score in each category will also be awarded with a “Best in Show” recognition.

- Submissions Open: October 15, 2025
- Submissions Close: February 3, 2026

Art Honor Society Connections: [Open Studio Conversations](#)

National Art Honor Society Connections is an exclusive online series for middle and high school students to connect with renowned artists in the field. The series will start with a 30-minute artist talk and a 30-minute Q and A/interview session led by middle and high school students. These talks will also include instructional materials to share for exploration and discussion prior to the event. The event will take place live via Zoom and the recording will be available for all NAHS and NJAHS sponsors after each event to watch on demand or share at chapter meetings.

- Watch past Art Honor Society Connections with [vanessa german](#), [9B Collective](#), [Peyton Scott Russell](#), and [Marlena Myles](#).
- Save the Dates: November 20, 2025, and April 23, 2026

NAHS STUDENT BENEFITS (CONT)

NAHS/NJAHS Student Studio Day

Join fellow NAHS/NJAHS students for a variety of hands-on workshops where you can explore new techniques, unleash your creativity, and connect with fellow members from around the world. This is your chance to meet, create, and get inspired!

- Save the Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026

NAHS Scholarships

NAHS students are eligible to apply for The deGraffenried Design Scholarship, the Charles M. Robertson Memorial Scholarship and scholarships to Columbus College of Art and Design, Maryland Institute College of Art, and The Art Institute. [Find out more here.](#)

NAEA Awards for NAHS Students

NAEA offers the opportunity to nominate outstanding NAHS chapter members and NAHS/NJAHS sponsors for national awards.

- The Rising Stars Secondary Recognition Program promotes art education as a career by recognizing up to 50 talented, active NAHS members.

NAHS/NJAHS National Student Council Ambassadors Program

The NAHS/NJAHS National Student Council is a unique and prestigious leadership opportunity for NAHS students passionate about the visual arts. As a council member, students will connect with a national network of peers and play an active role in shaping the future of NAHS/NJAHS programs. This position is designed for passionate and dedicated students with a deep appreciation for visual arts, design, and/or media arts; strong leadership qualities; and a commitment to promoting the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service. [Click Here](#) to nominate a 2025–2026 NAHS Student Ambassador!

- Applications Open: May 1, 2025
- Applications Close: September 7, 2025

NAEA Advocacy Design Contest

Showcase your creativity and passion for arts advocacy in the NAEA Advocacy Design Contest! The winning design will be featured on official NAEA merchandise and made available at the NAEA26 National Convention in Chicago. Submission Deadline is December 15, 2025. Visit the NAEA website for details and to [submit a design](#).

Access to NAHS/NJAHS Merchandise and Resources

Distinctive Honor Society insignia and award products are available exclusively to registered chapters (such as honor cords, tassels, and more). [Click here to view!](#)

NAHS/NJAHS Student Membership Card and Digital Badge

NAHS STUDENT BENEFITS (CONT)

Attend the 2026 NAHS National Student Conference

Join student artists from across the country for the 3-day NAHS National Student Conference—an inspiring experience filled with connection, creativity, and leadership development. Participate in portfolio reviews, art-making, collaborative sessions, and advocacy opportunities designed to amplify your artistic voice. Build lasting relationships while growing as both an artist and a leader in your school and community.

- Save the Date: July 22–24, 2026, in Washington, DC.

NAHS SPONSOR BENEFITS

Sponsoring an NAHS or NJAHS chapter can be rewarding for you and your students while magnifying the innovation, skills, and scholarship that your visual arts, design, and/or media arts program brings to your school and community. Sponsor a chapter and connect to:

National Art Education Association Membership

Sponsor fee includes National Art Education Association (NAEA) membership. NAEA is the premier professional organization for visual arts, design, and media arts educators. Connect to thousands of art educators worldwide while accessing thoughtfully curated benefits, resources, and opportunities. [Click here to view a full list of NAEA membership benefits!](#)

[NAEA Awards](#)

NAEA offers the opportunity to nominate outstanding NAHS chapter members and NAHS/NJAHS sponsors for national awards.

- Outstanding National Art Honor Society Sponsor Award Recognizes the dedication of an NAEA member who sponsors an outstanding NAHS Chapter.
- Outstanding National Junior Art Honor Society Sponsor Award Recognizes the dedication of an NAEA member who sponsors an outstanding NJAHS Chapter.

[National Leadership Opportunities](#)

NAEA is created by members for members and offers opportunities for emerging and seasoned leaders to grow, make career-changing connections, gain valuable experience, and shape the organization and the field. There's room for everyone to share, learn, and grow as an arts leader. [Click here to view current and upcoming leadership opportunities!](#)

NAHS/NJAHS National Council

NAEA seeks applications from Middle Level and Secondary Division members who are NAHS/NJAHS Sponsors and are interested in serving as a Member-At-Large on the NAHS Council. The National Council of the National Art Honor Society studies NAHS/NJAHS issues and makes recommendations to NAEA regarding program policies and procedures.

- Secondary-Level Member-At-Large: application opens January 1, 2026
- Middle-Level Member-At-Large: application opens January 1, 2027

NAHS SPONSOR BENEFITS (CONT)

Serve as an NAHS State Leader

Passionate about student leadership and the arts? Consider serving as an NAHS State Leader for your state! State Leaders meet twice a year to collaborate, share ideas, and support NAHS chapters. Contact your state association leaders to see if your state has a representative—or sign up to represent your state and make a difference!

- Save the Dates: September 23, 2025, and February 3, 2026

Virtual Meetup for NAHS/NJAHS Sponsors

Connect with fellow NAHS and NJAHS sponsors from around the world in these interactive virtual sessions! Share successes, spark new ideas, and grow together in a supportive, creative community—whether you're a veteran or just getting started.

- Save the Dates: October 7, 2025, and January 20, 2026

Arts Education in Action

Have your school featured on the NAEA website and social media platforms! We want to highlight YOUR art education in action! What are your students creating? Send us photos so NAEA can share them and represent art education in action as it is really happening. [Click here to submit!](#)

NAEA National Convention Discounts

Members receive maximum discounts on NAEA National Convention registration. Don't miss the largest annual gathering of visual arts educators in the world! [Click here to learn more](#) about the 2026 NAEA National Convention, happening March 5–7 in Chicago, Illinois.

Online Professional Learning

Professional learning is at your fingertips with the NAEA Professional Learning Studio. Engage in live and archived experiences and earn professional learning and even university credit. NAEA works with experts in the field to offer insight and inspiration on timely topics and literally hundreds of hours of practical content for visual arts, design, and media arts educators. Access to the monthly webinar series alone is a \$588 value, but it's FREE for members. [Click here to visit the NAEA Professional Learning Studio!](#)

Subscriptions

Receive print and digital subscriptions to [*Art Education*](#), the premier professional journal for art educators. You'll also get digital access to [*NAEA News*](#), keeping you in touch with what is happening now in art education.

Visual Arts Education Advocacy

In 2024, NAEA is undertaking [new advocacy initiatives](#), including partnering with arts education organizations to have a seat at the table on Capitol Hill to influence legislation in support of our members and learners. As an NAEA member, you have access to the latest visual arts education advocacy information, tools, and can share your voice as we move forward.

NAHS SPONSOR BENEFITS (CONT)

NAHS/NJAHS Community on NAEA Collaborate

Collaborate is a new interactive, dynamic online professional community, available exclusively to members. NAEA Collaborate offers several communities for you to join: Elementary, Middle Level, Secondary, Preservice, Higher Education, Museum Education, Supervisors & Administrators, National Art Honor Societies, and Advocacy. This new community provides NAEA members and art educators with a space to find and share information and resources, gain inspiration, and make connections—anytime, anywhere! [Log on today!](#)

National Art Education Foundation Grants

NAEA members qualify to [apply for grants from the National Art Education Foundation \(NAEF\)](#). Since its inception in 1985, NAEF has supported hundreds of projects ranging from professional learning to research.

Insurance Discounts

Professional liability, life, auto, home, health, dental, vision, long-term care, and more! As an NAEA member you'll have access to exclusive [insurance discounts](#) through Forrest T. Jones & Company.

Interest Groups

Connect with like-minded colleagues and increase your impact on visual arts education! As an NAEA member, you can join any of the 20+ [Interest Groups](#).

NAHS/NJAHS Sponsor Digital Badge

These are just some of the many benefits available to students and sponsors through NAHS/NJAHS membership. From national recognition and scholarship opportunities to juried exhibitions, leadership roles, and exclusive access to artist talks and creative programming, NAHS/NJAHS supports and celebrates the artistic growth of young creatives. Membership opens the door to a vibrant community where students and sponsors can thrive and share their passion for the visual arts.

To make the most of your experience, be sure to check our monthly NAHS/NJAHS and NAEA emails for the latest updates, opportunities, and exclusive member benefits.

For any questions or support, please contact Paula Liz, Youth and Preservice Program Manager, at PLiz@arteducators.org.

