



Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Are you passionate about art, creativity, leadership, or making a difference in your community? We are excited to invite current and rising high school students from across the country to participate in the **2026 National Student Arts Leadership Conference: *Empowering Future Creative Leaders!***—a one-of-a-kind summer experience designed to inspire, connect, and empower the next generation of young creatives.

Hosted by the National Art Education Association (NAEA), this exciting **three-day conference** will take place **July 24–26, 2026, in Washington, DC**, bringing together student artists and creative leaders for an unforgettable experience focused on creativity, leadership, and the future of the arts.

Throughout the conference, students will have the opportunity to:

- Hear from renowned and inspiring keynote speakers in the arts and creative industries
- Participate in hands-on art-making workshops led by artists and arts professionals
- Experience guided visits to world-class museums and cultural institutions
- Connect and network with fellow student artists and creative leaders nationwide
- Build leadership skills, gain inspiration, and grow their creative confidence

More than just a conference, this experience empowers students to see themselves as future creative leaders. Students will leave inspired by new ideas, meaningful connections, and a stronger vision for shaping the future through the arts in their schools and communities. We hope you will join us!



Program Information:

Location: Grand Hyatt Washington. 1000 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

Registration Cost: \$175 per student (*includes two meals*)

Program Dates: Friday, July 24–Sunday, July 26

Scan the QR code to [learn more and register today!](#)

For more information, contact Paula Liz, NAEA’s Youth and Preservice Program Manager, at pliz@arteducators.org. We look forward to welcoming student artists and future creative leaders to Washington, DC this summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Paula Liz'.

Paula Liz | NAEA Youth and Preservice Program Manager