

SPECIFIC CATEGORY CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS FOR SILVERARTS

See *SilverArts* Guidelines for general requirements.

A. Heritage Arts

- Entries must be the work of the individual and not a group.
- Heritage Art entries must be an original work. Patterns may be used, but no stamped pieces will be accepted.
- Pottery must be hand built or thrown.
- Latch hook rugs and pieces from ceramic molds will not be accepted.
- All framed work must be securely wired, ready to be hung (no serrated hooks or string). Two-dimensional work not properly framed and wired will not be displayed.
- Framed works can be no larger than 36" x 42", including matting and frame.
- Entries can be no heavier than 50 pounds.
- All entries, except framed work, must be able to be displayed in an area 3'(W) x 3'(L) x 5'(Height).
- Groupings (sets) shall have no more than 3 separate pieces per set. All objects within each piece of the set must be contained within or attached to one of the 3 pieces of the set.
- Artist's name and title of entry must appear on, or be attached to, entry for identification.
- Artist must send a photo of entry with *State Finals Entry Form* and *SilverArts Information Form*. Photos cannot be returned.
- Artists, or their representatives, are responsible to deliver and pick-up their entry at/during the designated times.
- The heritage arts entry entered at State Finals must be the same entry that won at the Local Games.
- An artist may only submit one (1) entry per sub-category at State Finals.

B. Visual Arts

- All artwork, except sculpture, must be framed, securely wired, and ready to be hung (no serrated hooks or string). Artwork, except sculpture, not properly wired will not be displayed.
- Artwork, except sculpture, can be no larger than 36" x 42", including matting and frame.
- Entries can be no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Sculpture groupings (sets) may have no more than 3 pieces per grouping (set).
- Mixed media may be a freestanding piece.
- Freestanding entries must be able to be displayed in an area 3'(W) x 3' (L) x 5' (height).
- Artists, or their representatives, are responsible to deliver and pick-up their entry at/during the designated times.
- If on-site assembly is required, details must be specified on the Information Form for NCSG prior approval.
- The art piece must be an original work, not a print.
- Artist's name and title of entry must appear on, or be attached to, entry for identification.
- Artist must send a photograph of entry with *State Finals Entry Form* and *SilverArts Information Form*. Photos cannot be returned.
- The visual arts entry entered at State Finals must be the same entry that won at the Local Games.
- An artist may only submit one (1) entry per sub-category at State Finals.

C. Literary Arts

- All entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 x 11 paper and have a minimum of 1” margins. A minimum font size is 10-pt type (preferably “times new roman or arial”).
- Poems can be no longer than 40 lines.
- Short stories, essays, and life experiences can be no longer than 8 pages.
- All entries must have a title page, which includes title of entry, sub-category, and name of artist.
- Artist's name must not appear on the content pages.
- A display-quality copy of the winning Literary Arts entries, and two (2) additional copies, should be submitted to NCSG by the artist with their official State Finals Entry Form and SilverArts Information Form. No framed or matted entries will be accepted.
- The original and all copies will be retained by NCSG.
- The literary arts entry entered at State Finals must be the same entry that won at the Local Games.
- An artist may only submit one (1) entry per sub-category at State Finals.

D. Performing Arts

- An artist may only have one (1) entry per size of act in each sub-category.
- Performing entries are limited to three (3) minutes of on-stage time. Exceeding the time limit will result in automatic disqualification. Timing is the performer's responsibility and begins with the first note of music or the first movement visible to the audience and ends with the exit of the last performer from the stage or final movement of the act.
- Performing entries may be one of the following: (a) soloists, (b) small groups (2 - 4 performers), or (c) large groups (5 or more performers). Accompanist(s) will be counted to determine size of act. No one under age 55 as of Dec. 31st will be permitted on stage and an accompanist *must* be a registered participant.
- All performers for all acts must enter stage right and exit stage left or begin and end on the stage. See the SilverArts Manual for a stage diagram.
- If recorded music is used, the artist/group leader must provide to NCSG by August 1st (**with** *State Finals Entry Form* and *SilverArts Information Form*) a high-quality CD for their performance. No recorded instruction is permitted. Artists should pick up their music after the performance...it will not be mailed/returned. Their music/song should be the only music on the CD.
- At State Finals, NCSG can provide the following items: chairs, microphone(s), piano, sound system, and CD player. The act is responsible for all other props and equipment and must get NCSG advance approval for use at Show. Props must be small, few, light-weight and easy to set up quickly.
- Voice presentations must be a *live* performance by the artist. Background music can be recorded. Lip-synch is not permitted as a performing art.
- The Group Leader, who must be a participant, must complete the *SilverArts Information Form* for the group and submit it with their *State Finals Entry Form* and each member of the group must submit their own personal *State Finals Entry Form* by the August 1st deadline.
- The performance at State Finals must be the same performance that won at the Local Games; i.e. same song, dance, music, etc.
- No live animals are allowed, except for service animals.