

# Youth Art Month Books

Each year at the VAEA Conference, the Youth Art Month Committee recognizes outstanding achievement for supporting Youth Art Month (YAM). Recognition and awards are based on participating districts YAM Book submissions.

The YAM Book serves to:

- Document each district's YAM activities and efforts towards the promotion and support of art education
- Demonstrate the positive impact and association between art teachers, their students, and their community as a result of the district's YAM activities

Awards are presented to the district's Youth Art Month representative. These include:

- Grand Award**
- Award of Excellence**
- Award of Merit**

YAM books are reviewed by 4 categories:

<b><u>Endorsements and Proclamations</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proclamations signed by local leaders (Mayor, et al)</li><li>• Endorsements signed by local/school leaders (Superintendent, School Board, Principals, Senator, Delegates et al)</li></ul>	<b><u>Promotional Opportunities</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press Releases</li><li>• Newspaper Coverage</li><li>• Websites/blogs</li><li>• Radio announcements</li><li>• Television Coverage</li></ul>
<b><u>Exhibits and Events</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exhibitions of student work during YAM (county-wide and within each school)</li><li>• Events relating to YAM (any community involvement, school concerts, etc.)</li></ul>	<b><u>Special Materials</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anything made to celebrate YAM! (e.g. buttons, hats, shirts, ties, banners, window designs, wigs, door decorations...the possibilities are endless!)</li></ul>

Books will also be judged by reporting funding for events, creativity, and craftsmanship. Please fill out the **YAM Book Documentation Report** and include it in your book.

Books can either be submitted digitally to [jessicabeach4@gmail.com](mailto:jessicabeach4@gmail.com) or a hard copy can be mailed to:

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