



2024 JOBLINK PLUS FIRST NATIONS ART COMPETITION

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Joblink Plus First Nations Art Competition?

The Joblink Plus First Nations Art Competition (formerly known as the Joblink Plus Indigenous Art Competition) is a bi-yearly art competition and exhibition run by Joblink Plus and open to NSW artists who identify as First Nations of Australia or New Zealand.

The Competition has grown in consultation with and feedback from community every year, with the addition of a Junior section in 2020 (now the Children and Youth sections) and the 3D/Weaving section in 2022.

Who can enter?

The competition is open to individuals who identify as First Nations of Australia or New Zealand. All artists must reside in New South Wales to enter.

What are the categories?

This year there are four categories: Painting & Drawing, 3D & Weaving, Children (for entrants aged 10 and under), and Youth (for entrants aged 11-17). Children and Youth are new categories this year – previously all young people were invited to submit together into a combined junior category.

Is there a theme?

There is no theme for the Joblink Plus First Nations Art Competition. Artists may submit works containing any themes and subjects they wish.

When does Joblink Plus start accepting artworks?

Entries officially open on Friday the 22nd September. Artworks can be presented at site to consultants or posted to the Tamworth office as per instructions on the entry form. If posted, artists are responsible for cost of postage.

What do artists need to do when submitting artworks?

When submitting artworks, please ensure the following:

- Art is accompanied by entry form that has **all sections** completed
- Art has labels (included with entry form) attached to back or underside
- Paintings/drawings are within size constraints (122 x 92cm)
- Art is dry and ready to hang

When does Joblink Plus stop accepting artworks, and what if I have a late entry?

Entries close Friday 19th April 2024 at 5pm. This is a firm cut-off date – unfortunately late entries cannot be accepted under any circumstances.

What happens during the exhibition?

During the exhibition, all artworks will be put on display at Tamworth Jockey Club. If an artist has indicated that they would like their artwork to be made available for sale, the public will be able to purchase it for the price set by the artist.

The opening night of the exhibition will be the night of Friday 10th May, with the exhibition opening daily until close on Tuesday 14th May.

The exhibition will also be available digitally; both through a virtual online gallery and through an online sales website.

Does Joblink Plus take a commission on painting sales?

Joblink Plus does not take a commission or any percentage of painting sales. Artists receive the full sale amount on all artworks sold.

What happens after the exhibition?

After the exhibition, all art is either returned to the artist or given to the purchaser if sold. Artists and purchasers will be advised where to collect their art from, usually

their local Joblink Plus site. **Please ensure that you include contact details on your entry form so that we can get your work back to you.** All artworks uncollected after 30 days following the close of the exhibition become property of Joblink Plus, as per the terms and conditions.

What are the prizes?

There is a total prize pool of over \$17,000, broken down between categories:

- The Champion Artwork, as decided by the judges and from across all categories, will receive \$4000.
- Painting and Drawing
 - 1st Place: \$3000
 - 2nd Place: \$2000
 - 3rd Place" \$1000
- 3D and Weaving
 - 1st Place: \$3000
 - 2nd Place: \$2000
 - 3rd Place: \$1000
- Children (10 years and under) – all winners of this category also receive an art supply prize pack
 - 1st Place: \$250
 - 2nd Place: \$150
 - 3rd Place: \$100
- Youth (11-17 years)
 - 1st Place: \$400
 - 2nd Place: \$300
 - 3rd Place: \$200

Where do we find more information?

The Joblink Plus website has a dedicated page with Art Competition information and downloads for public use:

<https://www.joblinkplus.com.au/community/first-nations-art-competition/>

If you have a question that isn't covered by that information or by these FAQs, please don't hesitate to contact Joblink Plus on

communications@joblinkplus.com.au – we are here to help!