



Kurt Lattimer

This art competition is offered to students from Madison County, Ohio slated to complete their high school education in the same academic year they are competing.

Our award commemorates the life of Kurt Lattimer, an amazing artist who left us too soon. The hope is this award will somehow keep his spirit alive in the hearts of many aspiring artists, something Kurt would be very proud of!

Our community has many young, gifted artists —skilled and novice— who deserve the opportunity to showcase their unique talents. We hope that this contest will challenge and inspire our youth to continue to cultivate and share their talent, as well as promote the arts in Madison County for generations to come.

We are delighted to partner with the Madison County Arts Council and announce our yearly winners during their Young Artist Showcase, which is held annually in January. This event is open to our community.

We are grateful for the support of **LONDON CITY HALL**, the **MADISON COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**, the **OHIO ARTS COUNCIL** and the **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON**



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London High School

For those who would like to support this award with a donation, visit aspiringartistaward.com, or make your check payable to the **Madison County Arts Council** marking on the memo line: **Kurt Lattimer Aspiring Artist Award (KLA AA)**

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2027

ART COMPETITION
Madison County High School Seniors

COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Eligibility

Any high school senior slated to graduate in 2027. This competition includes public, online, and private schools as well as home-schooled students.

Please help us out

In order for us to better prepare for our event, we hope to hear from you right away if you plan to take part in this competition. Text the following to the number below: **Name, School,** and an idea of the **Category/Categories** you plan to work in. Help with your project is also available over your winter break if needed. You can call or text to set up a time to meet: **Kim Lattimer-Reeder (740) 506-2198**

Artwork Theme

The theme of this competition is **"What I Dream of for My Future"** and should be a visual depiction of where the student sees themselves five to ten years after they graduate. If words are used in the artwork, they should be kept to a minimum.

Judging and Winners

- A panel of judges will review all entries and select a winner from each of the following categories:

1. **Painting and Drawing**
2. **Digital Art**
3. **Three-Dimensional Pieces**

- In addition to the winners for each category, one overall **"Best of Show"** winner will be selected.

- Prizes are as follows:

\$1500 in cash prizes will be awarded in 3 categories.

"Best of Show" will receive a **\$1000** award amount.

Judging Criteria

1. Interpretation and clarity of theme
2. Creativity and originality of artwork
3. Quality of artistic composition & design
4. Overall impression of art

Accepted Mediums

Any of the following mediums or techniques may be used:

- **Painting** (watercolor, acrylic, gouache, oil, pastels, etc.)
- **Drawing** (graphite, charcoal, colored pencil, marker, pen & ink)
- **Original digital illustrations** (no AI)
- **Three-dimensional pieces** (stained glass, mosaic, ceramics, wood burning, welded sculpture)

Size Requirements

- Wall art is not to exceed 30" x 30" and must be **FRAMED** (under glass or stretched canvas), **WIRED FOR HANGING**, and suitable for public display.
- 3-D Projects should not exceed 25 pounds in weight, 30" wide, 30" length, 24" height.

Multiple Entries

Up to two entries per student may be submitted, from one or multiple categories.

Submissions

Visit **ASPIRINGARTISTAWARD.com**, complete the online application and submit. Download a copy of the application, fill out and securely attach the form to your art before entering your project.

Deadline for Entries

Entries are to be delivered to the **First United Methodist Church of London**, 52 N. Main St, London, OH 43140. January 2027 dates for drop off are as follows: **Jan 7, 11am-3pm** or **Jan 8 & 9 (DEADLINE), 10am-12noon**. Enter through the door, off the back parking lot near the garage, marked **OFFICES/DELIVERIES**. Directional signage will be posted inside of church.

Award Announcement

Awards will be announced and artwork will be displayed during the **'Young Artist Showcase'** which is held annually and sponsored by the **Madison County Arts Council**. This event begins at **3pm** on **Sunday, January 24, 2027** (snow date Jan 31, 3pm) and will take place at **First United Methodist Church of London**, 52 N. Main St, London, OH 43140. A reception for all artists will follow performances and winner announcements. All art entries for this contest will also be exhibited the month of February at **London City Hall**, 20 S. Walnut St, London, OH 43140. Students may pick up their art at City Hall on **February 26, 2027, 8am-4pm**. See Eve Breedlove (Exec Admin), Suite 100, to claim/check-out art. **Best of luck to all competitors!**

"This award is such a great opportunity for young artists to create and showcase beautiful masterpieces inspired by their goals and dreams! I had the privilege of winning first place in the KLAAs 2019 competition.

This past year I graduated with my degree in Baking & Pastry Arts and received my title as a CPC (Certified Pastry Culinarian). I adore baking delicious desserts and decorating them even more! I am so grateful for the role that award has had in supporting my artistic endeavors and only hope more students are able to receive that same encouragement!"

- Meredith Hochstetler

"I am writing this letter in support of the Kurt Lattimer Aspiring Artist Award. I earned second place last year participating in this competition. It is a great way to engage with the artistic community. Often in school, art is something that is underfunded and not appreciated, as most funding goes towards sports. This competition gives young artists the opportunity to showcase their talent and possibly win awards that can help further their education in creative pursuits. For myself, it was hard to get a scholarship to go into Graphic Design because it wasn't mainstream. Most scholarships are for nursing or business degrees. The award helped in purchasing a computer for school which would not have been possible otherwise, as I live in a single parent household and have no college savings. The competition also motivated me to produce artwork that later became part of my portfolio. It was also amazing seeing other kids my age entries which inspired me!"

- Mikala Ridder