

Building, Exploring, and Diversifying STEAM

STEAM = Science. Technology. Engineering. Arts. Mathematics.

The Black Nerds Expo convention includes talks, displays, activities, and exhibitions from the areas of **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering**, **Arts**, and **Mathematics** (STEAM). As part of the convention, this year we are hosting an artwork contest. Artists are invited to create original artworks that will be used for future STEAM-related events.

All entries will be on display at the STEAM segment of the convention. The winning entry will be acknowledged and will be awarded a prize at the fair.

Annual Art Contest Guidelines

Eligibility

All artists are welcome to participate.

Judging and Winners

- Winners will receive :
 - o 1st place : \$50 gift card, BLERD shirt, contest entry placed on the Black Nerds Expo website
 - o 2nd place : \$25 gift card, contest entry placed on the Black Nerds Expo website
 - o 3rd place : \$15 gift card, contest entry placed on the Black Nerds Expo website
- All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation

Judging Criteria

The panel of judges will evaluate entries based on the following criteria

- Artistic Merit
- Interpretation of the theme
- Technical skills
- Originality and Creativity

All entries will be judged equally. All entries become the property of MiraCosta College and the Black Nerds Expo, and cannot be returned. However, artists will be credited by name for their art. Entries may be exhibited or modified at the Black Nerds Expo's discretion and may be auctioned at a fundraiser for a community event.

Artwork Theme and Inspiration

The theme for the 2021 Art Contest is “**Building, Exploring, and Diversifying STEAM**”. This is a wonderful opportunity to illustrate how diversity is integral to STEAM subjects and also highlight what building and exploring STEAM education and careers means to you. Share your creative talents by capturing the diversity of STEAM and how you think this could benefit the global community.

Artwork can be realistic or abstract. You may include people, animals, events, and objects in your artwork.

We encourage all artists to tie the artwork theme “**Building, Exploring and Diversifying STEAM**” to the 2021 Black Nerds Expo theme “**Multiverses**”, and the annual celebration of **Black History Month**.

Media and Technique Requirements

- Paint (watercolor, tempera, poster, acrylic, etc.)
- Drawings (pencil, charcoal, colored chalk, pastels, oil pastels, colored pencils, markers, etc.)
- Digital art
- Mixed media

Size Requirements

- Photo files of artwork should be no larger than 75 MB.
- Photo files must be **.jpg, .png, .PDF, or .tiff**; no other file type will be accepted.
- Photo resolution should not exceed 3000 x 3000 pixels.

Copyright Law

All artwork must be original and created entirely by the artist. Any artwork that is previously copyrighted or features images or trademarks from copyrighted franchises will not be considered. For example, no artwork taken directly from television shows, movies, video games, or books will be accepted.

Multiple Entries

Participants may submit up to three (3) individual entries.

Deadline for Entries

All entries must be received no later than **5:00 PM (PST)** on **February 25, 2021**. Entries submitted after the deadline will not be eligible for prizes.

Notification for Finalists

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Winners will be selected and announced on **February 26, 2021**.