

ECAF 2026 Information for Artists

Painting Competition Categories

Note: Any media can be used in all competition categories. The maximum size of (non-miniature) framed paintings is 30x30.

- **Plein Air**

Stamp-in Friday, September 18th to Monday, September 21nd

Submission Wednesday, September 23rd

Registration Fees: Early \$40, Standard \$50, Late \$65

Awards: Best of Show: \$1500 purchase award, Merit award: \$500, 2 Honorable Mention awards: \$200 each

- **Studio Work**

Submission Wednesday, September 23rd

Registration Fees: Early \$40, Standard \$50, Late \$65

Awards: 1st Place: \$1000, 2nd Place: \$500, 3rd Place: \$250

- **Juniors Studio Work**

Submission Wednesday, September 23rd

There are four sub-categories for juniors based upon the school grade: Kindergarten – Grade 3, Grades 4 – 6, Grades 7 – 9, and Grades 10 - 12.

Registration Fee: none

Although there are no fees for the Juniors category, **please do register online** – we need to know the expected number of paintings.

Awards: Junior Best of Show: \$100. Within each sub-category: 1st Place: \$50, 2nd Place: \$35, 3rd Place: \$25

- **Miniature**

Submission Wednesday, September 23rd

Miniature images must be no larger than 6" x 6" or 5" x 7" framed, and ready to hang.

Miniature pieces can be Plein Air or Studio works and do not need to be stamped.

Registration Fee: \$20

Awards: 1st Place: \$300, 2nd Place: \$200, 3rd Place: \$100

- **Nocturne**

Submission Wednesday, September 23rd

Nocturne pieces can be Plein Air or Studio works and do not need to be stamped.

Registration Fee: \$20

Awards: 1st Place: \$300, 2nd Place: \$200, 3rd Place: \$100

- **Escalante 150th Anniversary Paint-Out – “Historical Escalante”**

Friday September 25th, 11 am to Saturday September 26th, 11 am

Stamp-In at the exhibition tent Friday, September 25th, 11 am to 12 pm.
Judging outside the exhibition tent Saturday, September 26th at 11 am - bring your easel.
Once judged, the paintings may be sold off the easel or in the overflow sales tent.

Registration Fee: \$20

Awards:

- **The George S. and Delores Doré Eccles Foundation** purchase award (\$500) goes to the piece that “Best Captures Escalante Historical Context”. The piece will become part of the Eccles Foundation collection. The winning artist will also receive a ½ page ad in PleinAir magazine (a \$2400 value).
- **The Best Depiction of Escalante’s Historical Architecture: \$300**
- **Mayor’s Choice: \$200**

Additional Competition Awards

- **People’s Choice:** \$250
- **Artists’ Choice:** \$250

Artist Sign-in and Plein Air Stamp-in

Escalante Multi-Purpose Center – 89 N 100 West (Corner of 100 North and 100 West)

All registered artists must stop by the Stamp-in location to verify their registration, acknowledge that they have read the Rules and Guidelines, collect their name tags and any other orientation materials.

There is no limit to the number of surfaces that can be stamped.

| Day | Dat | Times |
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| Friday | September 18 th | 1 pm – 4 pm |
| Saturday | September 19 th | 9 am – noon and 1 pm – 4 pm |
| Sunday | September 20 th | 10 am – 2 pm |
| Monday | September 21 st | 9 am – noon |

Painting Submission

Wednesday September 23rd, 11 am to 4 pm – Exhibit Tent at Escalante Town Park

Submit one entry per category. At submission, the **entire** back of Plein Air category artwork must be visible so that the stamp can be verified. All entries must be framed or presented for display. Framed artwork must have a wire attached for hanging. Artwork can be framed after submission if need be.

Artists’ Reception*

Thursday, September 24th, 6 pm – 8 pm Escalante Interagency Visitor Center Patio

**open to registered artists, festival committee members, sponsors and volunteers – tickets available at Artist Sign-in / Stamp-in.*

Artists, festival committee members and festival sponsors mix and mingle at this gathering to celebrate the painting competition submissions. This reception is made possible by the generous support of local businesses and community members who donate food for all to enjoy.

Exhibit Sale and Overflow Sales Tent

Friday, September 25th, 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday, September 26th 10 am to 5 pm – Escalante Town Park

Competition Paintings are for sale in the Exhibition tent and the Overflow Sales tent is for Artists to sell non-competition paintings, displaying three pieces at a time. The overflow artwork does not need to be framed - artists are responsible for securing their artwork at the close of each day.

Judge's Talk

Friday, September 25th, 9 to 10 am, Exhibit Tent at Escalante Town Park

Award Ceremony

Saturday 26th, 4 to 5 pm, Overflow Sales Tent at the Escalante Town Park

Festival Finale Breakfast

Sunday, September 27th, 9 am to 11 am – Escalante Outfitters 310 West Main St., Escalante

Join us for a no-host breakfast to close out the festival. Artists may sell plein air or studio works.