

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>*

*Submission Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>*

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

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$250

- **Juniors Studio Work**

*Submission Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>*

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: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$35, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$25

- **Miniature**

*Submission Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>*

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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100

- **Nocturne**

*Submission Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>*

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

**Registration Fee:** \$20

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$100

- **Escalante 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Paint-Out – “Historical Escalante”**

*Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 11 am*

Stamp-In at the exhibition tent Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to 12 pm.  
Judging outside the exhibition tent Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 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
Friday	September 18 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm – 4 pm
Saturday	September 19 <sup>th</sup>	9 am – noon and 1 pm – 4 pm
Sunday	September 20 <sup>th</sup>	10 am – 2 pm
Monday	September 21 <sup>st</sup>	9 am – noon

## Painting Submission

*Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 9 to 10 am, Exhibit Tent at Escalante Town Park*

## Award Ceremony

*Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 5 pm, Overflow Sales Tent at the Escalante Town Park*

## Festival Finale Breakfast

*Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.