Not sure how to go about planning for Youth Art Month®? We can help!

Getting started early is key – September is a great time to begin planning your school year activities. Check in regularly with your state chairperson to ensure your local activities and events are on track with planned state activities.

**Flag/Banner Design Contest**

- Establish goals – target at least 1 entry from every school in the state
- Plan and communicate the lesson plan and theme “Dream in Art”.
- Encourage teachers to provide classroom time for students to each create a flag design using the Flag Design Template
- Receive flag entries – select winners. Start with school winners, then work up to district, region, county, etc.; You can also forward entries to the state chairperson, who coordinates voting to select one overall state winner
- Create a 3’x 5’ flag/banner using the winning flag artwork
- Feature the flag/banner at state art exhibitions for Youth Art Month
- Submit the flag/banner by March 1 to CFAE for the Youth Art Month Museum at NAEA
- See the flag/banner on display in the Youth Art Month Museum at NAEA
- Return flag/banner to designer

**Fundraising & Advocacy**

- Establish goals
- Pursue fundraising with local and state businesses; obtain sponsors for art exhibitions
- Obtain Proclamations/Endorsements (Governor/Mayor, School Officials)
- Obtain Endorsements from other local leaders
- Coordinate activities during March to advocate for visual art education
- Plan fundraising events – invite the local community

**Exhibitions & Celebrations**

- Establish goals
- Start now to plan March events for school and community (see our website for ideas)
- Set date/location/time for events
- Have students create artwork throughout the school year in preparation for the events
- Connect with local media and communicate event information
- Create and distribute marketing materials promoting events
- Invite local VIPS and community to events
- Submit artwork by March 1 to CFAE for the Youth Art Month Museum at NAEA
- See art on display in Youth Art Museum at NAEA
- Document activities – submit information and photos to the Youth Art Month Chairperson
- Send Thank You Notes to all who helped with events
- Create and submit Year in Review Report to Council for Art Education