

2025 Summer Arts Festival & Riverboat Days Information & Rules

August 15-17 | Yankton, South Dakota

Yankton Area Arts invites you to apply for exhibit space at the 2025 Summer Arts Festival, held during Yankton's Riverboat Days. The festival attracts over 100,000 people and is free to the public. 115-120 juried artists and crafters from throughout the country sell their works along the beautiful banks of the Missouri River in Riverside Park in Yankton.

FESTIVAL DATES & HOURS

Friday, August 15, 6 - 8 pm (optional)

Saturday, August 16, 9 am – 6 pm

Sunday, August 17, 9:30 am – 5:30 pm (We are hoping to end a bit earlier waiting on approval.)

ELIGIBILITY

Participation is open to all artists and fine craftsmen who produce visual works of art or craft of original concept, design, and execution. Work produced from molds or kits, consigned or commercially manufactured items, products completely assembled from commercially produced materials, or items deemed inappropriate by the festival coordinators are not permitted.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- April 1, 2025 - Applications must be postmarked by April 1.
- Applications postmarked after the April 1 deadline will not be given priority.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Application will not be considered complete until the following have been submitted.
 - Completed application form (printed and postmarked or submitted online at www.YanktonAreaArts.org by April 1)
 - Two* (2) separate payments for the non-refundable application fee (\$25) and booth fee down payment (Single - \$250, Double - \$475, Triple - \$700).
 - Three (3) digital images or photos representative of your work and one (1) image or photo showing production of your work. Digital images may be sent on CD or uploaded via the online application.
- If you are mailing in your application, please be certain that your SASE is large enough and has proper postage if you want your CD returned to you.

FEES

Enclose a separate check for the non-refundable application fee and the booth fee down payment and submit with your application. *If you submit your application fee via PayPal, only send your booth fee down payment* by mail.*

- Non-refundable Application Fee: \$25.00 deposited upon receipt.
- Booth Fee: Standard locations will be charged as follows: Single = \$250, Double = \$475, Triple = \$700. *Premium locations are \$300 per 12' by 12' space. **Corner locations are \$275 per 12' by 12' space. Certain corner spaces are the *Standard rate plus an additional \$50 surcharge per space. **Standard rate plus an additional \$25 surcharge per corner space.
- If selected to participate in Summer Arts Festival you will receive an invoice for the full booth amount due June 1st.
- Cancellation by the artist prior to July 15 will result in loss of half the booth fee.
- Cancellation by the artist after July 15 will result in loss of entire booth fee.

** Artists selected for the 2025 Summer Arts Festival will be invoiced for any remaining amount due if applicable. (Premium, Select spaces or Corner Surcharge) Booth Fee down payment will be returned if not selected to exhibit.*

***Premium, Select & Corners are not guaranteed.*

JUDGING & ACCEPTANCE

A panel of art professionals will review the submitted representation of your work. The detailed description of your work will be made available to the jury and is considered **highly important** in the decision-making process. Please describe your work carefully and submit quality representation of your work. Photos of only

one or two items with a solid background and natural light show better than photos with many items in them. Be careful of shadows in your photos.

All artwork will be juried on the following criteria:

1. ORIGINALITY
2. QUALITY CRAFTSMANSHIP
3. SALABILITY
4. SKILLFUL USE OF MATERIALS

All decisions by the jury will be final.

ACCEPTANCE

Applying artists will be notified by email/mail of the jurors' decisions no later than May 1, 2025. Artists wishing to receive notification of acceptance via mail rather than email must submit a business sized, self-addressed envelope with first class postage. Space and check-in times will be mailed to artists with their information packet after June 15, 2025.

<i>BEST OF SHOW: Fine Arts</i>	1 st Place – Complimentary (single) booth space in 2026 and local media recognition 2 nd Place – Booth and local media recognition
<i>BEST OF SHOW: Fine Crafts</i>	1 st Place – Complimentary (single) booth space in 2026 and local media recognition 2 nd Place – Booth and local media recognition



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