

# 2026 Summer Arts Festival & Riverboat Days

## Information & Rules

August 21-23 | Yankton, South Dakota

Yankton Area Arts invites you to apply for exhibit space at the 2026 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 21, 6 - 8 pm (optional)

Saturday, August 22, 9 am – 6 pm

Sunday, August 23, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

### **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 (submitted online at [www.YanktonAreaArts.org](http://www.YanktonAreaArts.org) or printed and postmarked by April 1)
  - A non-refundable application fee (\$25) is submitted
  - 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.

### **FEES**

Enclose a separate check for the non-refundable application fee submit with your application. *If you submit your application online please pay fee there.*

- 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 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 2026 Summer Arts Festival will be invoiced for any remaining amount due. (Premium, Select spaces or Corner Surcharge) \*\*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, 2026. 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.

**BEST OF SHOW: Fine Arts** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Complimentary (single) booth space in 2027 and local media recognition  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Booth and local media recognition

**BEST OF SHOW: Fine Crafts** 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Complimentary (single) booth space in 2027 and local media recognition  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Booth and local media recognition



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