

## SILVERARTS GUIDELINES

1. SilverArts is a Senior Games program and must be promoted as such. It must be held locally between February 1 and June 15. If SilverArts is held separately from the sports competition, the SilverArtists should be included, and recognized, as a part of the Local Games: i.e., showcases, performances, awards ceremonies, special events, etc.
2. All persons entering SilverArts must be 55 years of age or better as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, a N.C. resident for a minimum of 3 consecutive months of the calendar year, and must qualify through a Local Senior Games SilverArts program for State Finals.
3. A Local Game must offer at least half of the official categories and/or sub-categories. Additional categories and sub-categories not offered at State Finals may be offered by a Local Game, but winners should be informed that they will not qualify for State Finals.
4. An artist may only submit one (1) entry per sub-category at State Finals; except in Performing Arts - an artist may only have one (1) entry per size of Act in each sub-category.
5. Each Local Games may send/submit a first place qualifier in each Literary Arts sub-category; one Act/entry in Performing Arts and Cheerleading to State Finals; and the first and second place qualifiers in each Heritage and Visual Arts sub-category. The Local Game may determine how to choose the Performing Act to represent their Game at State Finals.
6. NCSG will judge SilverArts at State Finals. Medals will be awarded in each sub-category in Visual, Literary, and Heritage Arts. Medals in Performing Arts will be awarded to solo, small group (2 - 4 performers), and large group (5 or more performers) in each sub-category.
7. The SilverArts entry/entries entered at State Finals **must be the same** entry/entries that won in the Local Games competition.
8. Entries must be the original work of the artist and must have been completed within 2 years of the Local Games' qualifying date.
9. An art entry may only be entered in one (1) SilverArts sub-category at State Finals.
10. Artists must not submit an entry if the piece/performance/entry has been showcased in the previous SilverArts Showcase at State Finals.
11. Art entry/entries incorrectly categorized by the artist, or not in compliance with NCSG Guidelines and Category Requirements, will not be considered in the judging process.
12. Local Games should include the NCSG *SilverArts Guidelines* and the *Specific Category Requirements* with/in the Local Games SilverArts Entry Form. A camera-ready copy is in the SilverArts Manual.

## APPENDIX T SPECIFIC CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS FOR SILVERARTS

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  - Art entry/entries incorrectly categorized by the artist, or not in compliance with NCSG Guidelines and Requirements, will not be considered in the judging process.
- A. Heritage Arts**
- Entries must be the work of the individual and not a group.
  - Heritage Art entries must be an original work. Patterns may be used, but no stamped pieces will be accepted.
  - Pottery must be hand built or thrown.
  - Latch hook rugs and pieces from ceramic molds will not be accepted.
  - All framed work must be securely wired, ready to be hung (no serrated hooks or string). Two-dimensional work not properly framed and wired will not be displayed.
  - Framed works can be no larger than 36" x 42", including matting and frame.
  - Entries can be no heavier than 50 pounds.
  - All entries, except framed work, must be able to be displayed in an area 3'(W) x 3'(L) x 5'(Height).
  - Groupings (sets) shall have no more than 3 separate pieces per set. All objects within each piece of the set must be contained within or attached to one of the 3 pieces of the set.
  - Artist's name and title of entry must appear on, or be attached to, entry for identification.
  - Artist must send a photo of entry with *State Finals Entry Form* and *SilverArts Information Form*. Photos cannot be returned.
  - Artists, or their representatives, are responsible to deliver and pick-up their entry at/during the designated times.
  - The heritage arts piece entered at State Finals must be the same piece that won at the Local Games.
  - An artist may only submit one (1) entry per sub-category at State Finals
- B. Literary Arts**
- All entries must be typed, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 x 11 paper and have a minimum of 1" margins. A minimum font size is 10-point type.
  - Poems can be no longer than 40 lines.
  - Short stories, essays, and life experiences can be no longer than 8 pages.
  - All entries must have a title page, which includes title of work, sub-category, and name of artist.
  - Artist's name should not appear on the content pages.
  - A **display-quality copy** of the winning Literary Arts entries, and **three (3)** additional photocopies, should be submitted to NCSG by the artist with their official *State Finals Entry Form* and *SilverArts Information Form*. **No** framed or matted entries will be accepted.
  - The original and all copies will be retained by NCSG, Inc.
  - The literary arts piece entered at State Finals must be the same piece that won at the Local Games.
- C. Performing Arts**
- An artist may only have one (1) entry per size of act in each sub-category.
  - Performing entries are limited to three (3) minutes of **on-stage** time. Exceeding the time limit will result in automatic disqualification. Timing begins with the first note of music or the first movement visible to the audience and ends with the exit of the last performer from the stage or final movement of the act.
- Performing entries may be one of the following: (a) soloists, (b) small groups (2 - 4 performers), or (c) large groups (5 or more performers). Accompanist(s) will be counted to determine size of act. No one under age 55 as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> will be permitted on stage and an accompanist *must* be a registered participant.
  - All performers for all acts must **enter stage right** and exit stage left or begin and end on the stage. See the SilverArts Manual for a stage diagram.
  - If recorded music is used, the artist/group leader must provide to NCSG by August 1<sup>st</sup> (**with** *State Finals Entry Form* and *SilverArts Information Form*) a **high-quality CD** for their performance. No recorded instruction is permitted. Artists should pick up their music after the performance...it will not be mailed/returned. Their music/song should be the **only** music on the CD.
  - At State Finals, NCSG can provide the following items: Microphone(s), Piano, Sound system, and CD player. The act is responsible for all other props and equipment (including music stands, chairs, etc.) and **must** get NCSG **advance** approval for use at Show.
  - Voice presentations must be a **live** performance by the artist. Background music can be recorded. Lip-synch is not permitted as a performing art.
  - The Group Leader, who must be a participant must complete the *SilverArts Information Form* for the group and submit it with their *State Finals Entry Form*, and each member of the group must submit their own personal *State Finals Entry Form* by the August 1st deadline.
  - The performance at State Finals **must be the same performance** that won at the Local Games; i.e. same song, dance, music, etc.
  - No live animals are allowed, except for service animals.
- D. Visual Arts**
- All artwork, except sculpture, must be framed, securely wired, and ready to be hung (no serrated hooks or string). Artwork, except sculpture, not properly wired will not be displayed.
  - Artwork, except sculpture, can be no larger than 36" x 42", including matting and frame.
  - Entries can be no heavier than 50 pounds.
  - Sculpture groupings (sets) may have no more than 3 pieces per grouping (set).
  - Mixed media may be a freestanding piece.
  - Freestanding entries must be able to be displayed in an area 3'(W) x 3'(L) x 5'(Height).
  - Artists, or their representatives, are responsible to deliver and pick-up their entry at/during the designated times.
  - If on-site assembly is required, details must be specified on the Information Form for NCSG prior approval.
  - The art piece must be an original work, not a print.
  - Artist's name and title of entry must appear on, or be attached to, entry for identification.
  - Artist must send a photograph of entry with *State Finals Entry Form* and *SilverArts Information Form*. Photos cannot be returned.
  - The visual arts piece entered at State Finals must be the same piece that won at the Local Games.
  - An artist may only submit one (1) entry per sub-category at State Finals