

## Artist FAQs

### Eligibility & Submission Guidelines

#### **What is P(art)y It Forward?**

It's DARTS' annual fall fundraiser – this year featuring a one-night-only art exhibit and auction. The event celebrates healthy aging in our vibrant, diverse communities and raises funds for programs supporting older adults and caregivers in the Twin Cities Southeast Metro.

#### **Who can submit artwork?**

Artists of all ages and experience levels are welcome to apply. If the artist is under 18, a parent or guardian must submit the entry on their behalf.

#### **Do I need to be a professional artist?**

We encourage submissions from both professional and amateur artists. Whether you're emerging, established, self-taught, or creating for joy – if your artwork reflects the theme, we'd love to see it.

#### **What kind of artwork can I submit?**

We welcome all visual mediums – painting, drawing, mixed media, sculpture, fiber, photography, and more. Submitted works should reflect or respond to the theme of healthy aging and community.

#### **How many pieces can I submit?**

Artists may submit up to **three** original pieces for consideration.

#### **How do I submit my artwork?**

Email your entry by August 4 to [marketing@darts1.org](mailto:marketing@darts1.org). Include:

- One image per piece (high resolution preferred)
- Your application, including your contact info (name, email, phone), and the title, medium, dimensions, and retail value for each piece
- A short description of how each piece connects to the theme (included in application)



## Selection Process

### How will artwork be selected?

A small art selection committee will review all submissions. Our primary focus is how well each piece connects to the event theme: celebrating the beauty of healthy aging in our vibrant, diverse communities.

DARTS is committed to creating an inclusive and respectful environment for all. In line with our values, we aim to showcase a broad range of perspectives and artistic expressions. To maintain a welcoming atmosphere, we reserve the right to decline submissions with obscene or overtly controversial content.

Your unique interpretations will contribute to a rich and meaningful exhibition.

### When will I hear if I've been accepted?

Artists will be notified by **August 11**.

## Artist Recognition

### How will artists be recognized?

We value and celebrate every artist who contributes to *P(art)y It Forward*. Participating artists can expect:

- **Name and artwork title displayed** at the exhibition alongside your piece
- **Social media call-outs** on DARTS' platforms leading up to the event
- The option to be featured in **event marketing materials** and/or on the **DARTS website**
- A chance to be included in the **invitation-only artist meet-and-greet** on event night
- A **thank-you note** after the event with photos, updates on funds raised, and recognition for your generosity

If you have a business name or handle you'd like tagged in posts, be sure to include that on your application!





## Event Participation & Artwork Delivery

### **When and where do I deliver my artwork?**

Accepted artists are asked to deliver their artwork to the Confluence Hotel in Hastings on September 25. If you are unable to deliver in person due to transportation or scheduling conflicts, please reach out. We're happy to work with you on alternate options, such as dropping off your piece(s) at the DARTS office in West St. Paul beforehand. We may not be able to safely transport very large or fragile works, so early communication is appreciated.

### **Do I need to attend the event?**

No, attendance is not required; however, a small number of artists will be invited to participate in a casual meet-and-greet with event guests. If selected, you'll be contacted in advance.

Otherwise, there's no expectation to hold your evening open.

## Auction & Artwork Donation

### **Will my artwork be for sale?**

Yes. All donated artwork will be sold in our fundraising auction. DARTS will handle all sales.

### **Will I be paid if my artwork sells?**

Artists will not receive a percentage of sale. Instead, you'll receive an in-kind donation receipt for the full retail value of your donated piece. This donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### **Why are artists asked to donate their work?**

This event supports DARTS' mission to help older adults and caregivers thrive. Donating your artwork simplifies the auction process and maximizes the impact of your creativity, turning your art into direct support for your community.

## Still Have Questions?

We're here to help! Reach out to us at [marketing@darts1.org](mailto:marketing@darts1.org) with any questions about the submission process or event details.

