

mfa Hospice Cup Poster Competition 2026

Hospice Cup, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1981 to help local and regional hospices raise funds for patient programs. In collaboration with Maryland Federation of Art, Inc. (MFA), the organization hosts an annual competition for a piece of artwork to serve as the backdrop for their yearly poster. The winning work will be chosen through MFA's People's Choice Voting Gallery and at the reception. The winning artwork will be considered a donation to Hospice Cup, Inc., and will be the representative image for the 2026 Hospice Cup Event and will be reproduced on posters, t-shirts, and other promotional material. **The winning piece of art will be used by the Hospice Cup for its annual poster. We encourage compositions that are of a ratio no wider or taller than 3:2 (i.e. 36" x 24" or 24" x 36") for better placement in a standard poster size.** Work submitted for the poster competition will be on display in MFA's online People's Choice Voting Gallery from March 20 – May 15, 2026. The winner will be chosen and announced during a reception held on the evening of April 30 from 5 – 7 PM, featuring the top four pieces. For more information, visit hospicecup.org. Artwork may be offered for sale. Any original 2D work in any media is eligible for entry. **Artwork must feature sailboats, preferably racing in a regatta in the Chesapeake Bay.** There is no fee to enter work for consideration. Entry is open to artists residing in any of the states or territories of the US. For more information, visit hospicecup.org.

ENTRY TERMS

- Entering this exhibition indicates understanding and agreement on the part of the artist with the conditions stated herein and with (a) MFA's approved [Statement of Equality and Diversity](#) and (b) MFA's [General Guidelines](#). Work must meet exhibition guidelines to be included in the event. MFA may determine work ineligible if entry guidelines are not followed.
- In order to be eligible for consideration, work must depict sailboats, preferably racing in a regatta in the Chesapeake Bay.
- By submitting a piece of art for consideration, the artist agrees that if the piece is chosen as the winning piece, the artist will be deemed to have granted an irrevocable license to Hospice Cup, Inc. to use the piece and copies of the piece on various media in connection with promoting the Hospice Cup event in 2026 and in future years. The artist of the chosen piece will be deemed to have gifted the piece to Hospice Cup, Inc. to be auctioned at the Hospice Cup party to help raise funds for hospice services. Artists should consult with their tax advisor with respect to this gift.
- Images of submitted works may be used at the sole discretion of MFA for promotional purposes including, but not limited to: the invitation, catalog, website, social media, or a subsequent year's prospectus. Images will include attribution wherever possible.
- Work cannot be withdrawn before the end of the event.
- Work must be for sale. Work can be set to Price on Request (POR).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All work must be entered by uploading JPEG images through MFA's online entry system. Set pixel dimension between 1,500 and 3,000 pixels on the longest side. File size may be no more than 5 MB. Images for the juror must correspond with the actual work. MFA does not display watermarks; artists display at their own risk. Visit mdfedart.com/portfolio/360/ to submit your work.
- All entries must be original and completed solely by the artist's hand. A maximum of 2 original works created within the past 3 years may be entered. If artwork is part of a limited edition, please state total number in the edition.
- Minimum size of work based off of edges of the artwork should not be less than 12" in one direction by 18" in the other direction. Maximum size of work, including edges of artwork and frame, cannot exceed 36" in any direction.

NOTIFICATION

- Artists who have unsubscribed from MFA's emails will not receive information about this exhibition.
- The notice to accepted artists will include specific details and may vary from prospectus. See website for details.

LIABILITY

- MFA shall not be liable for any special or consequential damages that result from the use of, or inability to use, MFA's online exhibition gallery. Artwork will be handled with all possible care. MFA will not be responsible or liable for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. Insurance, if desired, must be carried by the artist.

AWARDS

- The Hospice Cup Poster Competition winner will be selected at the reception from the four pieces that receive the highest number of votes in MFA's online People's Choice Voting Gallery.
- The four artists with the highest number of votes in the People's Choice Gallery will each receive a \$70 one-year MFA Membership.

SALES

- MFA's Online Sales Gallery is provided to North American artists to sell their work. Only artists in the 48 contiguous United States may set a price. MFA will reimburse up to \$40 in shipping costs to those artists for online sales shipments if a receipt is provided. All other artists must enter Price on Request (POR) and purchase inquiries will be referred by MFA to the artist.
- Artists will retain 80% from sales (85% for MFA Members). MFA retains 20% commission (15% for members) on any work sold through MFA. Artists will be responsible for fulfillment of sales.

SCHEDULE

Feb 6	Online Entry Opens for Submissions
Mar 18	Entry Deadline
Mar 20	Online Exhibition Opens; People's Choice Voting Opens
Apr 16	People's Choice Voting Closes at Midnight
Apr 30	Reception from 5 – 7 PM at the Annapolis Market House
May 15	Last Day of Online Exhibition

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Circle Gallery is accessible to people with mobility disabilities

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