



Calling all Maui County K-12 art enthusiasts!

2026 Maui Matsuri Art Contest

Theme: Tomo 朋 “Friend”

Celebrating the Infinite Power of Friendship

Go to www.mauimatsuri.com for entry forms and updated information. Email mauimatsuri@gmail.com

Contest Submission Criteria & Deadlines

- 1) Contestants must be Maui County students currently in Grades K-12.
- 2) Completed artwork must be hand-drawn on paper (*not computer or A.I. generated*). May not exceed 8-1/2” x 11” (must fit into a sheet protector). No frames or mounted pieces. No names may be visible on the front of the artwork.
- 3) Only the following mediums are allowed:

Pen	Colored Pencil	Pencil	Crayon
Marker	Water Color	Charcoal	Oil Pastel

- 4) **Only ONE entry** per contestant.
- 5) Each entry must have a completed official entry and disclaimer form (parental signatures are required), *lightly* taped to the back of the artwork. Entries will not be accepted if the form is not completed as indicated with proper signatures.
- 6) Mail entries to the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui, PO Box 5090, Kahului, HI 96733 and postmarked no later than **Thursday, April 2, 2026**. Entries may also be dropped off at the Housemart Ben Franklin store at Queen Ka`ahumanu Center by **April 2, 2026**.
- 7) Artwork may be posted at Queen Ka`ahumanu Center and online on the Maui Matsuri website with select entries posted on Facebook and Instagram.
- 8) Winners will be notified, and awards will be presented between 10-11 am at the Maui Matsuri Children’s Festival at UH Maui College – Pilina Building on Saturday, 5/9/2026.
- 9) First place winning artwork may be featured at the Ben Franklin Store at Queen Ka`ahumanu Center for a week after the event. These entries will be mailed back after being displayed.
- 10) Please supply a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like the artwork returned to you. Artwork will not be returned otherwise (except for item 9 above).
- 11) Submissions will be judged in four age divisions (grade as of **May 1, 2026**):

Prize Structure

Grade Division	1st Place Prize	2nd Place Prize
Grade K – Grade 2	\$25	\$15
Grade 3 – Grade 5	\$50	\$25
Grade 6 – Grade 8	\$75	\$50
Grade 9 – Grade 12	\$100	\$75



2026 Art Contest Official Entry & Disclaimer Form
(Write legibly and *lightly* tape this form to the back of your entry)

Contestant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

School: _____

Grade Level, **as of May 1, 2026** (check one):

- Grade K – 2 Grade 3 – 5 Grade 6 – 8 Grade 9 – 12

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I, _____ (“Releasor/Contestant”), hereby give Maui Matsuri and the Japanese Cultural Society of Maui and its respective employees, agents, contractors, and assigns, the irrevocable and perpetual right, consent and permission to use, re-use, publish and re-publish, create digitized images of, adapt, distribute, transmit, and exhibit any photographs, slides, videotape, electronically created media, other film images and/or other likenesses or media, now known or hereafter to become known, taken from the various events of the 2026 Maui Matsuri Festival.

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Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

REQUIRED

Signature of Parent/or Guardian: _____ Date: _____