



PURCHASE AWARD PATRON INFORMATION

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What is the Elkhart Juried Regional?

Now in its 48th year, the Elkhart Juried Regional is one of the longest running juried art competitions in the state. Over \$25,000 in cash awards were made to artists in 2025 making the Elkhart Juried Regional the largest cash awards show in Northern Indiana. Based on the high level of awards available, our team of jurors, marketing efforts, and broad eligibility, we anticipate well over 400 entries again in 2026.

Our jurors come from diverse backgrounds and geographic locations to take on the formidable task of selecting 140 – 180 works from hundreds of entries. In 2025 we had more than 220 artists submit over 400 works. Our judges selected 180+ works from those submitted which were shown on two floors at the museum. These are all original works of art in either two-dimensional media (painting, photography, mixed media, fiber, drawing, printmaking) or three-dimensional media (ceramics, pottery, glass, sculpture).

What is a Purchase Award Patron?

In August, each year members of the museum at the Society of Associates level may choose to become a Purchase Award Patron for the upcoming EJR. There are three levels of Purchase Award Patron: \$500, \$700 or \$900. The Purchase Award level selected allows the Purchase Award Patron to select a work from the EJR exhibition regardless of the retail price of that work. For example, a work the artist values at \$3,000 may be marked available a \$900 purchase award. The artist determines at the time they submit their artwork for consideration to the EJR whether they are willing to accept a \$500, \$700 or \$900 purchase award. 90% of the artwork accepted into the EJR is available for a \$900 purchase award. The percentage of works available decreases for the \$500 and \$700 purchase awards but there are a substantial number of works available at these levels. **100% of all purchase award monies go directly to the artists.** No money is retained by the museum from the purchase award.

When do Purchase Award Patrons make their selection?

Purchase Award Patrons select a work of art as their purchase award at a **Preview Party** which is held a few days before the Elkhart Juried Regional opening reception. This year the Preview Party is on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m.** \$900 purchase award patrons select their work beginning at 6 p.m. \$500 and \$700 purchase award patrons can select their work beginning at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Museum staff are available that evening to help guide purchase award patrons through the process and answer any questions about the artists.

Can I do more than one Purchase Award?

No, all Purchase Award Patrons are limited to one purchase award each year. However, once the purchase award selection process is completed, unless noted otherwise, all artwork that is part of the Elkhart Juried Regional is for sale. Usually 90% of the works in the EJR are for sale.

When do I pick up the artwork I selected?

The work you select remains on view throughout the course of the EJR (thru December 31) and can be picked up in January 2027.

*Thank You for your interest in the Midwest Museum of American Art
and the Elkhart Juried Regional.*



2026
PURCHASE AWARD PATRON ORDER FORM

429 S. Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516 Tele: (574) 293-6660

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership Status (chose one):

_____ **YES**, I am either a Society of Associates member or a Corporate member of the Midwest Museum of American Art.

_____ **NO**, I am NOT a Society of Associates member, or a Corporate member of the Midwest Museum of American Art. ***Enclosed is my completed membership form and a check in the amount of my chosen membership level.***

Purchase Award Patron Level* (chose one):

_____ \$900

_____ \$700

_____ \$500

Please make checks payable to: Midwest Museum of American Art Foundation

Return by mail or in person to: 429 S. Main Street, Elkhart, IN 46516

Payment is due no later than August 31, 2025

***YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATES MEMBER OR A CORPORATE MEMBER AT THE MIDWEST MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS A PURCHASE AWARD PATRON.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!