



2025 Somerset County Teen Arts Festival

TEEN ARTS CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Please add these dates to your personal and professional calendars

DATE	DEADLINE
December 20 th , 2024	School Participation Form Due
February 14 th , 2025	School District Invoice Form & School Checks/Purchase Orders Due <i>Please let Commission Staff know if payments will be delayed. We understand that every school's finance department works differently.</i>
April 1 st , 2025	THE FOLLOWING ARE DUE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL SUBMISSION FORMS DUE • Creative Writing Entries & Student Release Forms Due * • Creative Writing Anthology Cover Art Contest Submissions Due • Visual Art Images for Video Critique Due <i>(Video critiques are the only form of formal visual art critique)</i> • Visual Art Student Release Forms Due • Film Entries & Student Release Forms Due **
April 30 th , 2025	Final Paperwork Packet Due <i>(Bus Schedule, Student Nametag Form, Demographics Form, and Student & Chaperone Roster List)</i>
Tuesday, May 20 th , 2025	Visual Art Hanging at RVCC Art Gallery <i>(School Coordinators are responsible for hanging student artwork. Additional information and guidelines for hanging student artwork will be provided)</i>
Wednesday, May 21st, 2025	FESTIVAL DAY AT RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- All performing and exhibiting students must be 13 to 19 years old. Student release forms are only required for Creative Writing, Film, and Visual Art submissions.
- We will try to accommodate all submissions, but due to time constraints any applications received after the April 1st deadline cannot be guaranteed a performance time or exhibition space.
- Video critiques are offered for Visual Arts entries only. If a student would like a video critique, it must be indicated on the submission & release forms. Students that do not want a video critique may still display their artwork in the RVCC Gallery, but those submissions will not receive a formal critique. Coordinators must confirm the total number of video critiques requested. Images of all Visual Art receiving a video critique must be submitted by the April 1st deadline.
- * All creative writing must be submitted as Word documents. Commission Staff will read all submissions. School Coordinators will be contacted if any submissions are flagged for themes that raise concern for the student's safety. If no reply is received within one week of contact regarding the flagged work, the piece will be omitted from the Anthology.
- ** Film entries may be delivered as unlisted YouTube videos, on a flash drive, or through online services such as WeTransfer. If sharing files through Google Drive, please allow access to anyone with the link & share link with somctyculture@gmail.com.

Please contact CulturalHeritage@co.somerset.nj.us with any questions or concerns

Return completed forms to CulturalHeritage@co.somerset.nj.us OR
Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, NJ 08876

ALL SUBMISSION FORMS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1st, 2025