Notice of Competition

2026 North American Applied Arts Design Competition

The Canadian Society for Applied Arts and Technology (SFAAAT) announces the third edition of the North American Applied Arts Design Competition (AADC). The 2026 competition is open to students, designers and artists worldwide, with all entries submitted online.

The theme, Common Ground: Designing Between Worlds, explores how art and design can help people share public spaces, understand different cultures and access services. The competition provides a platform for creative work that connects artistic expression with practical applications.

Participation and entry streams

Participants may enter the themed stream or the open stream. The themed stream offers three briefs: Shared Civic Life, Translating Culture and Human Interfaces. Each participant may submit one themed work free of charge, in any art or design category.

The open stream welcomes work without a prescribed theme across six categories: Art and Technology; Fusion Art; Graphic Design and Fine Arts; Media Arts; Environmental Art and Design; and Product Design. Entry fees apply to this stream.

Review and recognition

Entries are assessed through early bird and regular review rounds. All early bird entries advance automatically to regular review at no additional fee. Awards include Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards, Silver Mentions and Honourable Mentions, with cash prizes attached to designated Gold and Silver Awards.

Key dates and further information

Submissions close on 15 December 2026 at 23:59 China Standard Time (UTC+8). Results will be announced on 25 December 2026.

For the competition briefs, entry requirements and full award details, visit the official competition page:

https://www.sfaaat.ca

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