



## FNB VISUAL ARTS 2025 COMPETITION

### Overview

First National Bank (FNB) and the Visual Arts Council (VAC) have partnered in the 2025 FNB visual arts competition dedicated to giving talented and upcoming artist in Zambia a platform to showcase their artworks to the public, FNB supports a diverse array of arts and cultural projects, thereby fostering the holistic development of arts and culture in Zambia.

### SCOPE

This competition shall encompass Visual Arts that includes the following:

- **two-dimension (2D)** Art which constitute mainly drawings, collage, photographs, paintings, prints.
  - a. Size: Framed A4 to A2 size
  - b. Medium: suitable material
- **three-dimension (3D)** Art which constitutes mainly sculpture, conceptual arts and mixed media.
  - a. Size: maximum width = 30cm, length = 30cm and height = 60cm
  - b. Medium: suitable material

### AWARDS

1. The **three (3) winners will be selected from the 10 national finalists and awarded prize money as follows.**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> place = K 30,000 (Thirty Thousand Kwacha)
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> place= K 20,000 (Twenty Thousand Kwacha)
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> place= K 10,000 (Ten Thousand Kwacha)
  - d. A trip to FNB Arts fair in South Africa.
  - e. Art supplies, a trophy and an FNB plaque for their schools.
2. The remaining seven (7) national finalists shall win a Cash Prize of K 10, 000 (Ten Thousand Kwacha) each, a media feature, and mentorship experience at the national arts gallery in Livingstone.
3. The 10 finalist artworks will go in the FNB arts collection and permanent exhibition.
4. All 100 finalists will receive an FNB-branded backpack and badge and participate in a selling exhibition at Henry Tayali Arts Gallery.

## **Key dates**

1. Submissions Open: 8 September 2025 – 17 October 2025.
2. Promotional Campaign: 5 August 2025 – 17 October 2025 (6 weeks)
3. Judging & Screening: 17– 24 October 2025.
4. National Final & Awards: 31 October 2025.
5. The event's timing ties into Zambia's Independence celebrations, amplifying national pride and shared prosperity.
6. These dates may change, and FNB will inform the public and relevant stakeholders of any updates through written and/or electronic platforms.

## **GENERAL MODE OF ENTRY AND SUBMISSION**

1. All submission should depict the theme Next Is Now.
2. The participants should be between the age of 12 to 20 years
3. Participants shall provide their full name, age, school, province where their school is located and contact number.
4. Participants shall provide a short write up on the artwork (150 words max) explaining the nature of the work and idea behind the work
5. Each participant must submit at least one piece of artwork and may submit one additional piece.
6. PDF high quality images will be submitted via physical drop-off at the participants respective schools.
7. For more information contact National Arts Council office in Lusaka or, National Art Gallery in Livingstone or the Various provincial of district National Visual Arts Centers.

## **GENERAL CRITERIA**

1. No Portraits will be accepted.
2. The artwork should be clearly marked for easy identification.
3. Photographs must be labelled.
4. All art works must be original and clearly produced entirely by the entrant.
5. Only original source material should be used i.e. Art work should not be copied from pre-existing photographs or other paintings or pictures.

## **ADJUDICATION PROCESS**

1. Art teachers shortlist 10 candidates per school.
2. Art teachers shortlist 10 candidates per district.
3. Art teachers shortlist 10 winners' candidates per province.
4. Art adjudicators shortlist 10 winners' candidates at national level.
5. Art adjudicators choose the top three (3) winners who will be announced at the Grand exhibition and awards night in Lusaka.
6. All submitted entries will be meticulously reviewed and assessed by a distinguished Panel of Adjudicators.
7. The final results will be determined through a merit-based process, with 100% of the decision by adjudicators.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any dispute that arises during the award process will be resolved in strict accordance with the FNB Visual Art Awards Guidelines. FNB reserves the ultimate authority in determining the awards, and consequently, no correspondence or intervention from third parties will be entertained.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For any inquiries regarding the competition, please contact:

- FNB Zambia Contact Centre: 362 or 0211 366800 (Standard network rates will apply)
- Visual Arts Council (VAC): [vacart@gmail.com](mailto:vacart@gmail.com)