

Kiba Painting Competition 2026

Application Guidelines

■ Purpose

The Kiba Small Painting Award is a small-scale painting award aimed at discovering and providing exhibition opportunities for emerging artists based in Tokyo.

This award is organized as a practical exhibition project in which artists compete in terms of density of expression, originality, and completeness within the restriction of the SM size format.

■ Application Overview

Category: Painting (any technique or material)

Size: SM (227mm × 158mm)

Number of entries: One work per person

Entry fee: Free

If there are a large number of applications, works will be selected through screening.

■ Eligibility

Students, emerging artists, and artists who continuously engage in creative activities and are seeking exhibition opportunities in Tokyo.

■ Entry Deadline

April 13, 2026 (Monday)

■ Selection Process

This award adopts a selection-based system.

First Screening (Image Review)

Selection will be conducted based on submitted images.

First screening results announcement: April 15, 2026 (Wednesday)

Second Screening (Physical Review)

Actual works will be reviewed, and final exhibition selection and award decisions will be made.

If the physical work differs significantly from the submitted image, it may be disqualified.

■ Delivery

Direct Delivery

April 18 (Saturday) and April 19 (Sunday), 2026

12:00–20:00

Works will only be accepted during the above dates and times.

Postal Delivery

Must arrive by April 19, 2026 (Sunday)

Delivery Address:

KOTANSU Art Space

1F Ishikawa Mansion

5-16-1 Toyo, Koto-ku

Tokyo 135-0016

■ Exhibition Format

Exhibition Period:

April 27, 2026 (Monday) – May 6, 2026 (Wednesday)

■ Sales Information

Fixed sale price: 10,000 JPY (tax included)

Revenue Split: 50% Gallery / 50% Artist

Sales settlement will be conducted after the entire exhibition period ends.

■ Jury

Director, KOTANSU ART SPACE

■ Awards

Kiba Small Painting Grand Prize (1 artist)

Solo exhibition at Kotansu Gallery (venue fee waived)

Priority invitation to the next curated exhibition

Kotansu Gallery Award (1 artist)

Participation right in a special group exhibition

Audience Award (3 artists)

Participation right in a special group exhibition

Determined by visitor voting

■ Announcement of Results

First Screening Results: April 15, 2026

Only selected applicants will be notified by email.

Award Announcement: May 6, 2026 (Final day of exhibition)

Announced at the venue and via official SNS.

■ Notes

Submitted works must be original works created by the applicant. Works that infringe upon third-party copyrights are not eligible.

Framing is generally not required. Regardless of framing, the sale price will remain fixed at 10,000 JPY.

All works must be signed. Please clearly indicate the top orientation on the back of the work.

For canvas or panel works, hanging wires on the back are not required.

If a work is sold during the exhibition, packing materials and shipping costs will be covered by the gallery, and shipping procedures will be handled by the gallery.

Unsold works will be returned. A cash-on-delivery return shipping label must be enclosed.

The gallery assumes no responsibility for damage during transportation. While due care will be taken during the exhibition period, damage caused by force majeure will not be compensated.

Submitted images may be used for promotional purposes (website, SNS, etc.).

The gallery will not respond to inquiries regarding the screening results.