



Dear Artist,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Signature-level, Artist Member of the Delaware Watercolor Society. The following information will tell you how to apply and what to submit for the Delaware Watercolor Society's annual selection process.

1. You must submit four (4) digital images of paintings to be judged by a panel of jurors. It is in your best interest to submit the best images of paintings that are equal in quality and are samples of your best work. The following are suggested criteria for you to use when doing a self assessment of your own work to determine whether your artwork meets the standard for DWS Artist member status:
  - *Composition and Design* - demonstrates a clear understanding of the Principles and Elements of Design; choice of subject matter demonstrates a unique perspective, unusual choice of subject matter, or a new view of a traditional subject.
  - *Use of Color* - demonstrates solid knowledge of color theory.
  - *Water Media Techniques* - artwork displays evidence of in-depth knowledge of the fundamentals of the medium.
  - *Originality* - shows creativity in concept and execution. The artwork cannot be derived from work or concept that belong to another person, nor can it be a result of work from a class, workshop, or other form of study.
  - *Consistency in Quality and Style* - all entries are of the same caliber and quality
2. In addition, your paintings must be your original concepts and work. Your reference photos must be your own. *Artwork completed in workshops or with the assistance of instructors is not eligible for submission.* Photographic references must be your own. Artwork must have been completed within the last two years.
3. Please provide the following materials:
  - A completed Application Form
  - A numbered list of your submitted paintings, including the title, image size, medium, support/surface, and date completed.
  - An artist bio/resume
  - Documentation of selection into three (3) juried shows within the past five (5) years. Exhibition programs may serve as documentation.
  - A check in the amount of \$25 payable to DWS.
4. Digital images must be of professional quality in JPG format, 1920 pixels on the longest dimension, RGB, 300 DPI, and with a file size not greater than 4 MB. Show only the painted image; no matting or framing should be visible. **No Artist name should be**

**visible on the actual image of each painting.** The artist's full name may only be written on the protective plastic outer case of a CD when submitting a CD. Do not attach CD labels to the disk.

5. Each image must be included in the list of entries with the following information: painting title with correct file extension (.jpg) and identified by your initials and numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4. For example, Red Vase ACC1.jpg, ACC2.jpg, and so on.

If *submitting by email*, attach your images to an email with subject "Signature Jury" to [delawarewatercolorsociety@gmail.com](mailto:delawarewatercolorsociety@gmail.com). Mail your application and check to DWS, P.O. Box 984, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

If you are *submitting by mail*, enclose your CD with four digital images of your original watercolor paintings to be evaluated during the jury process, along with the Application Form and check to DWS, P.O. Box 984, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Your CD will not be returned.

Your images will not be processed without the Application Form. Please read and carefully follow **all** instructions noted in the **Application Form**.

If you have questions, please contact us by email--"Signature Jury"  
[delawarewatercolorsociety@gmail.com](mailto:delawarewatercolorsociety@gmail.com).

We look forward to receiving your images.

Sincerely,

DWS Board of Directors