



Dear Artist,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Signature Artist member of the Delaware Watercolor Society. DWS considers applications for new Signature Artists in April and October each year.

The following information will tell you how to apply and what to submit for the Delaware Watercolor Society's selection process.

1. You must submit four (4) digital images of your watermedia paintings to be judged by a panel of jurors. It is in your 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 Signature Artist status:
 - *Composition and Design* - demonstrates a clear understanding of the Principles and Elements of Design.
 - *Use of Color* - demonstrates solid knowledge of color theory.
 - *Watermedia Technique* - 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 belongs 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.* No digitally created artwork may be submitted for consideration. Artwork must have been completed within the last five (5) years. Painting that appeared in prior DWS exhibitions may be included.
3. Please provide the following materials:
 - A completed Application Form
 - A numbered list of your submitted paintings, including the title, 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.** For example, a small strip of masking tape may be used to cover the

artist's signature. 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 the subject "Signature Jury" to 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. or call Elizabeth Collard at 302 645 4821.

We look forward to receiving your application and images.

Sincerely,

DWS Board of Directors