

Talent Academy 2022
Preparation Notes and Checklist for Year 1 Visual Arts Applicants
DSA-Secondary Non-MOE (Grade 6 Applicants)

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Checklist for Submission of Supporting Documents to be uploaded via the TA Portal

Apply online via the TA Portal between 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 May 2022, 5:00 pm (SGT).

No	Document Title (to be uploaded directly to the TA Portal)	Maximum File Size	File Type
1	<p>Applicant's Identification Document</p> <p><u>Singaporeans</u> Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate</p> <p><u>Singapore Permanent Residents</u> Passport and Re-Entry Permit</p> <p><u>Foreigners residing in Singapore</u> Passport and Dependant or Student Pass</p>	1 MB	PDF
2	<p>1 recent passport-sized colour photograph</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be taken against plain white background <u>Do not</u> upload a full-length photograph 	2 MB	JPEG, JPG
3	<p>Academic Results</p> <p>A. DSA-Secondary Applicants <u>8 April to 17 May</u> For all applicants: Primary 5 End-of-Year results.</p> <p><u>June (date to be confirmed)</u> For Shortlisted applicants only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Primary 6 mid-year result Please make a photocopy of your results before returning your report book to your primary school. If you did not make a copy, you may request for one from your school. The General Office is open during the school term break. <p>B. DSA-Secondary (Non-MOE) Applicants <u>8 April to 17 May</u> For all applicants: Grade 5 end-of-year results and any latest results if any. All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document.</p> <p><u>June (date to be confirmed)</u> For Shortlisted applicants only: Log in to the TA Portal and upload your Grade 6 mid-year or any latest 2022 results (if any). All original transcripts not in English should be accompanied with a translated document. You may skip this step if you do not have any latest results to upload.</p>	2 MB	PDF
4	<p>DSA-Secondary Applicants Only (if applicable):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mother Tongue Language In-Lieu Letter issued by MOE Mother Tongue Language Exemption Letter issued by MOE 	1 MB	PDF

Note:

- It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete the entire application for **ONE** (1) artform, provided that the portfolio submission and all supporting documents have been prepared in advance
- Applicants are advised to submit their applications early, as the TA Portal may experience slower connectivity due to high traffic towards the close of the application period
- Incomplete applications will be disqualified. Appeals for late submissions will not be considered
- The TA Portal opens from 8 April 12:00 noon to 17 May, 5:00 pm (SGT). There will be no extension of deadline for submission of application. Do ensure you have ample time to complete and submit your application.

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Preparation Notes for Art Task Submission in Visual Arts (for all applicants)

SOTA offers students specializing in Visual Arts the opportunity to develop deep knowledge and understanding in the techniques, processes, theory, and history of visual arts. Students will develop analytical and critical abilities as they learn to investigate, annotate, and document their ideas and processes, in art making.

You may apply for Visual Arts if you demonstrate talent or potential in areas of 2-dimensional (2D) work, such as drawing and painting or design; 3-dimensional (3D) work, such as sculpture and ceramics; or electronic- or lens-based work, such as media arts or photography.

What to Submit for Visual Arts Art Task

Submission is via SOTA's online TA Portal

Item	Description
Art Task in A3 Size (29.7cm x 42.0cm)	<p>Applicants are to produce an original pencil drawing of the following subject:</p> <p><u>My School Bag</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The drawing should demonstrate observational skills and technical control in pencil drawing (e.g., shading, line work and tonal value).• The drawing must include the subject matter only. Other items or backgrounds in the drawing will not be assessed.• The applicant is advised not to crop the subject matter and to draw the entire object.• Please use only graphite pencils and white A3 drawing paper (29.7cm x 42.0cm). DO NOT use other medium, e.g., colour pencils, pen, charcoal.• The drawing should be executed from 18 March 2022 onwards. DO NOT submit work completed before 18 March 2022.• There is no time limit, but it is recommended that the applicant does not spend more than 3 hours on this task. <p>IMPORTANT: Shortlisted applicants are to bring the original physical work in hardcopy for the TA. You will not be able to proceed with the TA if you are unable to produce the original physical work in hardcopy.</p> <p><u>Instructions for Uploading:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photograph or scan the artwork in high resolution and save as .pdf• File size should not exceed 10MB• Save the image of the artwork using the filename: <name of applicant>_Art Task_<date completed>• Review and sign the Declaration of Authenticity (refer to Annex A)• Save both the artwork and the Declaration of Authenticity into 1 folder• Upload the folder to Google Drive• Privacy Setting: ensure that it is set to 'Anyone with the link'• Paste the shared link of the folder on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field• Only the Art Task submission will be assessed. Portfolio or other artworks submitted at this stage will not be assessed.
Note	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supporting documents, portfolios, and photographs submitted for shortlisting will be retained for the school's records.• Certificates, achievement records, testimonials, recommendation letters are <u>not</u> required.

Visual Arts Portfolio

Only shortlisted applicants will be required to submit softcopies of their portfolio prior to the audition day. More information on how and when they are required to submit the portfolio will be shared with shortlisted applicants in duecourse. Shortlisted applicants must present the original hardcopy of the artworks during the TA.

Item	Description
Final Artworks Portfolio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 final artworks completed within 2020 – 2022. This includes the Art Task submitted for the TA application • You are encouraged to include at least 3 artworks produced in your current school • You may include artworks done in a variety of mediums, such as drawing, painting, mediaworks, design works, jewellery pieces and ceramics <p><u>Selecting the Artworks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key qualities that the interview panel will look for include: a keen sense of observation, imagination, inspiration, and self-motivation • You should include in your portfolio, where possible: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 5 artworks based on <u>observation</u>. These should show your ability to observe and achieve realism and details. The images should not be direct copies of copyrighted works, e.g. popular characters from cartoons, comics, or manga b. 5 artworks based on <u>imagination</u>. These should demonstrate your ability to imagine and create original works from your sketches. These need not be in detail but could have ideas incorporated from other works, e.g., a creative combination of observed objects c. In the above you could include some artworks that reveal where you derive your inspiration from. Others may demonstrate a range of your technical skills. The mediums could be 2D, such as drawing and painting; 3D, such as sculpture and ceramics; or electronic- or lens-based, such as photography and video <p><u>Instructions:</u> <u>Each artwork should be clearly labeled with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Full Name • Your TA Index Number (you would have received the TA index number upon successful submission of your TA application via the TA Portal. Eg. DSASEC/2023/VA123) • Title of artwork • Dimensions of artwork in centimeters (e.g., height, width and depth) • Date of completion and/or duration of execution • Artwork done in your current school • A short description of each artwork
OPTIONAL: Sketchbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 sketchbook created between 2020 – 2022 • Sketches may include documentation of processes, trials, or experiments with mediums • Sketches may be a compilation of quick drawings and/or reflections in a file or book format <p><u>Instructions:</u></p> <p><u>The sketchbook should be clearly labelled with:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your Full Name • Your TA Index Number (you would have received the TA index number upon successful submission of your TA application via the TA Portal. Eg. DSASEC/2023/VA123) • Title of each image and/or sketchbook (if any) • Date of completion and/or duration of execution • Sketchbook completed in your current school

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Entrance Tests – Information for DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) applicants

You may consider purchasing the local Primary 6 or PSLE assessment books for the following subjects to familiarize yourself with the topics and exercises.

Only shortlisted applicants are required to take the tests. More information will be shared with shortlisted candidates on how the tests will be conducted.

Test	Information
English Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 45 minutes to complete the test● Choose 1 topic out of the 5 topics given● Write an essay on the topic you have chosen● The essay should be between 200 and 300 words
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● You will be given 5 minutes to read the instructions carefully, and 1 hour to complete the test● No calculator or Graphic Display Calculator is allowed● Candidates must complete 13 problem-solving questions that carry a total of 60 marks● The topics that will be covered are as follows:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals○ Measurement○ Data Analysis○ Geometry○ Distance, Speed and Time○ Ratio and Percentage○ Algebra

ANNEX A

**TALENT ACADEMY 2022
VISUAL ARTS
DSA-SEC / DSA-SEC (NON-MOE) APPLICANTS**

DECLARATION OF AUTHENTICITY

Instructions

- a. To be completed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian
- b. Complete and sign the Declaration of Authenticity
- c. Upload the artwork for the art task and Declaration of Authenticity to Google Drive
- d. Privacy Setting: ensure that it is set to 'Anyone with the link'
- e. Paste the shared link on the TA Portal in the 'Uploaded to External Site URL' field

Applicant's Full Name: (As per birth certificate /Re-Entry Permit/Passport /Student Pass)	
Title of Artwork (optional):	

I hereby declare that the art task* submitted for my child/ward's application via the TA Portal was 100% drawn and completed by my child/ward from 18 March 2022 to the date of submission. I understand that my child/ward will NOT be eligible for TA shortlisting or audition should the above be falsely declared.

*as described on page 3 of the Preparation Notes and Checklist for Visual Arts DSA-Sec and DSA-Sec (Non-MOE) applicants.

Parent's/Guardian's Full Name: _____

Signature/Date: _____

Annex B

Guide to uploading and compressing videos and/or documents for submission via the TA Portal

1. How do I upload videos and files to Google drive?

You may refer to the [Google Support page](#) for assistance

Direct Link:

<https://support.google.com/drive/answer/2424368?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

Google Search Engine

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload files or folders to google drive

2. How do I upload videos to YouTube?

You may refer to the [YouTube Support page](#) for assistance

Direct Link:

https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en&ref_topic=7505892

Google Search Engine

In google search engine, type the following keywords: How to upload video to YouTube

3. How do I convert, compress or merge documents to PDF?

There are many free online websites you can use. Below are a few suggestions. Please note that SOTA is not affiliated to any of these sites. The links below will bring you to an external website not hosted by SOTA.

Convert word document to pdf document

- a. www.freepdfconvert.com
- b. <https://smallpdf.com/word-to-pdf>

Compress / Resize pdf documents

- a. http://www.ilovepdf.com/compress_pdf

Merge individual pdf documents into 1 document

- b. http://www.ilovepdf.com/merge_pdf