



Songbird Art Contest

2021 Rules & Guidelines

Eligibility:

The Songbird Art Contest is free and open to all persons in **grades K-12** (aged 5-18 years old).

Only one entry allowed per person, previous entries are not eligible.

An entry consists of an **entry form, artwork, and creative writing submission** (writing required for grades 4th-12th)

Entries must abide by the guidelines below and be postmarked to Wildlife Forever, 5350 Highway 61 N, STE 7, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 by **November 30th, 2021**.

Artwork Specifications:

- **Size Range: Between 8-9" tall and 11"-12" wide**, up to 1/4" thick without mat or frame
- **Orientation: Horizontal**, any vertical entries will be disqualified.
- Art must feature any species from the **Official Songbird List**.
- Artwork must be the contestants original hand-done creation, you may not reproduce another artists work and present it as your own. Participants are allowed to use photos, videos, and artwork, including those of past participants as inspiration when creating your artwork. Any artwork found to infringe on copyright laws will be disqualified from the contest.
- All mediums except digitally rendered art and photographs are accepted. Please spray chalk and pastel entries with a fixative to eliminate smudging. A loose cover sheet may be laid over the face of the artwork for protection during shipping.
- Art must be free of writing including signatures or initials. Artist signatures are allowed on the back of the artwork.

Creative Writing Specifications:

- **Length:** no more than one side of one page, typed or handwritten, with the contestants name, grade, and state on the front or back.
- Creative writing should show the contestants knowledge, connection to and/or understanding of their chosen songbird species.
- Creative writing submissions may be decorated, have illustrations or be creative in appearance but the words should be the main focus of the piece.
- Creative writing **not required** for contestants in grades K-3 and international participants.

Entry Form Specifications:

- Entry form must contain an email or phone number and mailing address for the artist or participating adult .
- Entry form must be signed by both the artist and an adult.
- If submitting by mail, please affix entry form to the back of the artwork with a glue stick. If you do not have a glue stick, paperclip the entry form to the artwork and we will glue it for you.

Artwork Return Specifications:

- Entries submitted by a US formal public or private school classroom teacher and all US 1st place winners will receive **free return shipping** of their artwork and a certificate of participation for each student.
- US participants who would like their artwork returned must include a \$10 payment payable to Wildlife Forever to cover materials, shipping and handling for up to 5 entries to be returned to the same address. Payments can be made by including a check or sending a completed credit card form (available at the end of this document) with your entry. If you are interested in having more than 5 entries returned to the same address, please contact Wildlife Forever at info@WildlifeForever.org to receive information about bulk shipping costs.

International Participants:

- Please submit your entry through email. Send a scanned copy or photo of your artwork and entry form to **Info@WildlifeForever.org** by November 30th, 2021.
- Creative Writing is not required for any international participant.
- If you choose to send your entry by mail, please know that we will not be able to return it.

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2021 Return Shipping Credit Card Payment Form

Please print, complete, and return this form if you would like to pay your \$10 return shipping cost by credit card.

This payment only applies to those who send their entry by mail and would like their artwork returned.

Card Type: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____