



Fish Art Contest

2023 Rules & Guidelines

Eligibility:

The Fish 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 the address listed on the entry form or submitted online by Feb 28th, 2023.

Artwork Specifications:

- Artwork must be the contestants original hand-done creation, you may not reproduce another artists work and present it as your own or use digital mediums or computers. Participants are allowed to use photos, videos, and artwork, including those of past Fish Art participants as **inspiration only** when creating your artwork. Any artwork found to infringe on copyright laws will be disqualified from the contest. **Any artwork that is an exact replica of a photo or other work will be disqualified.**
- Art should feature any fish species of choice. Some species are eligible for specialty awards.
- Art must be free of any signatures or initials on the front of the art, signatures are allowed on the back of the artwork.
- Art must be free of any writing unless it relates to the artwork (i.e. the name of a boat)
- All 2D 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.

Creative Writing Specifications:

- **Length:** no more than one side of one page, **typed preferred**, with the contestants name, grade, and state on the back.
- Creative writing should show the contestants knowledge, connection to and/or understanding of their chosen fish.
- 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:

- Participants should be sure to select the entry form that applies to them. **Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas, and Vermont** have state specific forms. All other US and international participants should use the general entry form. Please see each states page for state specific rules.
- Entry form must contain an email and mailing address for the artist or participating adult. This is necessary to contact winners and send prizes.
- Entry form must be signed by both the artist and an adult

Artwork Return Specifications:**

- **Entries mailed 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.
- **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 4 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.
- ** This information does not apply to participants from AK, GA, FL, MO, MN, NE and TX. Contact info@WildlifeForever.org to be connected to your state's host.

Submitting your Entry:

Option 1: Complete the online entry form. Select "I am mailing my artwork and essay". Post-mark your work with your name clearly printed on the back by **Feb 28th, 2023**.

Option 2: Complete online entry form. Select "I am uploading my artwork and essay." Attach your scanned work to the form and click submit. **All international students should be submitting their artwork digitally**

Alaska, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Texas, and Vermont: Please see state pages for state specific entry rules.

International Participants:

- 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.

Wildlife Forever, State Hosts, and Partners/Sponsors:

- Have exclusive rights to use submitted artwork and/or writing for reproduction, promotional purposes, fundraising, and display without compensation. Any monies realized from the sale or licensing of the artwork will be used to support the contest, wildlife conservation, and education initiatives.
- Cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of entries.
- Reserve the right to request physical copies of digitally submitted work.
- Has the right to release basic information about participants, including their name, grade, and state. Specific addresses and contact information will be confidential.

Questions?

Email info@wildlifeforever.org

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

Card Type: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____