



Songbird Art Contest

2023 Rules & Guidelines

Eligibility:

The Songbird Art Contest is free and open to all persons in **grades K-12**.

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

An entry consists of an **entry form, artwork, and creative writing submission** (writing not required for grades K-3rd)

Entries must abide by the guidelines below and be submitted by **November 30th, 2023**.

Artwork Specifications:

- Art must feature one of the following species:
 - *Painted Bunting*
 - *Chestnut-collared Longspur*
 - *Yellow-throated Warbler*
 - *Northern Cardinal*
 - *Red-winged Blackbird*
- Artwork must be the contestants original hand-done creation, you may not reproduce another artists work and present it as your own. Participants may use photos, videos, and other artwork as inspiration only. Artwork may not be an exact copy of a photo or existing piece of art.
- Any artwork found to infringe on copyright laws will be disqualified from the contest.
- 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 if shipped.
- 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 and mailing address for the artist or participating adult .
- Entry form must be signed by both the artist and an adult.

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 mailed artwork returned must include a \$10 payment payable to Wildlife Forever to cover materials, shipping and handling. 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.

International Participants:

- Submit entries through the online form at: <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/songbird-art-contest/>
- 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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2022 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: _____