



Rules & Guidelines

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Wildlife Forever STATE-FISH ART CONTEST

Entries must:

- Be postmarked **no later than midnight Tuesday, March 31st.**
- Be mailed to the address on the top of the Entry Form.
- Include both **Artwork** with a **completed Entry Form** and an **Essay.**
 - K-3 entries do not need an essay but they will be judged and awarded.
 - Artwork and Essay should not be attached to one another.
- Abide by the Guidelines below.

Entry Forms Must:

- Be for the correct location (applies to international entries and entries from AK, GA, MO, NE, TX only).
- Be complete and signed by a guardian or teacher.
- Have an email and home address for the artist or guardian (so we can contact you in the summer with details about shipping, winning etc.)
- Be affixed to the back of the artwork using a Clear Glue Stick.
- Be clear and readable.

Artwork Guidelines

Horizontal

~~Vertical~~

- Sizing is **9"x12"** (23cm x 30cm) and does not exceed ¼" in total thickness.
- Art is **Horizontal**, without a mat, frame or border.
- Art Depicts any Fish from the Official Fish List or Official Fish Migration Award Species List. (<https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/state-fish-art/official-fish-list/>) or (<https://www.wildlifeforever.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Official-Fish-Migration-Award-Species-List.pdf>)
- Art does not have the artist's signature, initials or name on the front. Other writing is accepted if it is part of the artwork. (i.e. name of a boat)
- Art is the artist's original creation and does not infringe upon copyright laws.
- All mediums except digitally rendered art and photographs are allowed.
 - NOTE: please spray chalk and pastel entries with a fixative to eliminate smudging. A loose cover sheet may be laid over the face for protection during shipping.

Essay Guidelines

- Length is no more than **one side of one page.**
- Should show the student's knowledge, connection to and/or understanding of their chosen Fish, its habitat, behavior or conservation needs and issues.
- Should be original writing in any format.
- May be handwritten or typed but must be easy to read.
- Essays may be decorated, have illustrations, or be creative in appearance however, the words should be the focus.
- Should include the Student's Name, Grade (or age if international) and State on the back.



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International Entries for ONLY the State-Fish Art Contest

- International entries must select a species from the Official Fish List.
 - <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/state-fish-art/official-fish-list/>
- Email your Artwork, Essay and International Entry Form to info@wildlifeforever.org Subject line: State-Fish Art- Artist Name - Country
- It is best to scan your artwork if possible, if not, please take a photo of your art in a well lit area with the flash off. Fill the entire frame with your artwork so we can see as much detail as possible.
- Any international entries sent by mail to Wildlife Forever will not be returned

Educators

- In addition to your contact information, please be sure to include the participant or guardian's email contact and home address on each entry so we can keep in touch directly with state and national winners regarding the summer EXPO and subsequent return of their art or essay.
- Please complete the "Educator/School" information on the entry form before photocopying and distributing to your students.
- Please assume responsibility for making ethics part of the overall contest. There is no room for plagiarism in artwork or essay content. Copyright laws do apply.
- All artwork from formal classroom Teachers will be returned free of charge.

Artwork Return

- If you are not submitting your art through a formal classroom teacher and would like your art returned; please include a \$10 check to Wildlife Forever to cover materials, shipping and handling and have a complete home address on your entry form. ****This does not apply to AK, GA, MO, TX or international entries please contact us for more information about return policies.****
- First place artwork and essays will be returned before September 1st. All other entries with included check will be returned before July 1st.
- If you did not choose to include \$10 and you did not place 1st in your state, your artwork will be held in-house until March 31st of the following year. At that point, your artwork will be permanently archived and will not be available for return.

The STATE-FISH ART Contest is open worldwide to all children in grades K -12 in public, private or home-school, any youth group, after-school program, youth camp, scout troop, art class, etc., or just an individual kid that wants to enter! Any child of K-12 age is eligible as long as a responsible adult reads, agrees to and signs their entry form.

**Please, only submit one entry per student per year.
Previous entries are not eligible.
Vertical entries will be disqualified.**



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FISH MIGRATION AWARD

New for 2020! The **Fish Migration Award** is a new global award created by a partnership between Wildlife Forever and the World Fish Migration Foundation.

This award highlights migratory fish species from around the world and has a separate “Official Fish Migration Award Species List.”

(<https://www.wildlifeforever.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Official-Fish-Migration-Award-Species-List.pdf>)

This will allow you to enter either Both the Fish Migration Award and State-Fish Art Contest or ONLY the Fish Migration Award.

Steps to Enter BOTH the Fish Migration Award and State-Fish Art Contest

1. Select a North American Species from the “Official Fish Migration Award Species List.” (<https://www.wildlifeforever.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Official-Fish-Migration-Award-Species-List.pdf>)
2. Utilize the State-Fish Art Lesson Plan, Swimways Poster, Sea to Source Book, Fish Base and other written and online reputable resources to learn about your fish species.
3. Read through the rules and guidelines to be sure your artwork and essay will qualify
 - a. See Artwork Guidelines and Essay Guidelines on Page 1
4. Create your entry consisting of two parts
 - a. Artwork featuring your species selected from step 1
 - b. A personally written essay (one side of one page long) relating to your fish species behavior, habitat or conservation needs.
5. Complete a contest Entry Form and affix to the back with a clear glue stick. Be sure to mark that you are entering in the “Fish Migration Award.”
6. Mail your entry to the address listed at the top of the Entry Form before March 31st.
**International entries should be sent by email, see Page 4 for more details.

Steps to enter ONLY the Fish Migration Award

1. Select any Species from the “Official Fish Migration Award Species List.” (<https://www.wildlifeforever.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Official-Fish-Migration-Award-Species-List.pdf>)
7. Utilize the State-Fish Art Lesson Plan, Swimways Poster, Sea to Source Book, Fish Base and other written and online reputable resources to learn about your fish species.
8. Read through the rules and guidelines to be sure your artwork will qualify
 - a. See Artwork Guidelines on Page 1
9. Create your entry consisting of ONE part (no essay required)
 - a. Artwork featuring your species selected from step 1
10. Complete an Entry Form and affix to the back with a clear glue stick. Be sure to mark that you are entering in the “Fish Migration Award.”
11. Mail your entry to Wildlife Forever, 5350 HWY 61 N, Suite 7, White Bear Lake, MN, USA 55110-2473 before March 31st. **International entries should be sent by email, see Page 4 for more details. **



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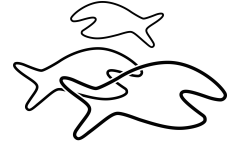
Artwork will be judged in two AGE (US Grade) categories:
5 years old to 11 years old (K-5th Grade)
12 years old to 18 years old (6th to 12th Grade)



**WORLD FISH
MIGRATION DAY**

Winners will be announced on
World Fish Migration Day.
Visit

www.worldfishmigrationday.com
to learn more



HAPPY FISH

International Entries for either only the Fish Migration Award or both the Fish Migration Award and State-Fish Art Contest

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Subject line: State-Fish Art- Artist Name - Country
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- Any international entries sent by mail to Wildlife Forever will not be returned

Please, only submit one Fish Migration Award entry per student per year.
Vertical entries will be disqualified.

Questions?

Call 763-253-0222

Email info@wildlifeforever.org

www.StateFishArt.org