

# 2018 CONTEST RULES & GUIDELINES

## Wildlife Forever® STATE-FISH ART® Contest

[www.StateFishArt.org](http://www.StateFishArt.org)



**Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight Friday, March 31, 2018**

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! Essentially any child of K-12 age is eligible as long as a responsible adult reads, agrees to and signs their entry form.

All contestants and educators will receive a 'Certificate of Recognition' for participating in the Contest.

**AN ENTRY INCLUDES BOTH ARTWORK AND WRITING** (sometimes referred to as "essay").

### THE ARTWORK ~ HORIZONTAL 9"x12"

- should be **HORIZONTAL**, without a mat, frame or border.
- should be **9"x12"** and not exceed 1/4" in total thickness.
- depict ANY designated state-fish or Ontario, Canada designated fish. Information on the fish eligible for entry in 2018 is on our website - follow "[Official Fish List](#)" on the dropdown menu
- should show the fish in its natural habitat.
- should be the contestant's **original, hand-done creation** and must not infringe upon any copyright laws. Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted.
- should not have the artist's signature, initials or name on front. Other writing OK as long as it is part of the art (i.e. name of a boat or pier)
- mediums may include, *but are not limited to*, oils, scratch-board, pointillism, chalk, pastels, charcoal, colored pencil, acrylics, dry brush, watercolor, crosshatch, lead, collage, linoleum printing, tempera and crayon. **IMPORTANT NOTE ... please spray chalk and pastel entries with a fixative to eliminate scuffing & smudging.** A loose cover sheet may be laid over the face for protection during shipping.



### THE WRITING ~

- should not exceed **one side of one page** in length.
- should show the student's personal knowledge, connection to and/or understanding of their chosen state fish, its habitat, behavior or conservation needs/issues.
- should be original ... in the student's own words ... and may be an essay, story, poem or in any other creative form.
- may be handwritten or typed, be decorated or have illustrations and/or be creative in appearance. However, the words should be the focus.
- should include the student's name, grade and state **on the back**.

Any entry not following the guidelines will unfortunately be disqualified from the competition.

**Submit the essay with the artwork but leave it separate ... DO NOT ATTACH IT TO THE ART. Don't worry, we will match them up!**

**Previous winning entries are not eligible.**

**Only one State-Fish Art Contest entry per student per year will be accepted.**

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**AN ENTRY** also includes a **completed & signed Entry Form** (on our website - "[How to Enter Contest](#)")

**IMPORTANT: Alaska, Georgia, and Texas have separate entry forms** as the state-level Contest is judged locally. Be sure to complete the correct one, so you mail your entry to the right address at the top of the form!

Use a clear GLUE STICK to affix the appropriate entry form to the back of the artwork.

**The entries are grouped and judged in four grade categories: Grades K-3 / Grades 4-6 / Grades 7-9 / Grades 10-12**

**\*\*NEW\*\* All INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES are to be scanned and submitted electronically.** Paint any eligible state-fish ([on our website follow the "Official Fish List" on dropdown](#)) and also write one side of one page. Complete and sign a Standard Entry Form. Scan all three components and email to [khollingsworth@statefishart.org](mailto:khollingsworth@statefishart.org). You will be entered in the International Category.

### **RETURN OF ART ~**

- **EDUCATORS** - If you send the entries from your class all together in one package we will return them to you at our expense - "Educator's Corner" "VIP TLC". 😊
- **INDIVIDUALS** - If you would like your art returned, please include a check for \$10, to Wildlife Forever, covering materials, shipping and handling. Question? [Email](#) or give me a call 651.213.0669

### **EDUCATORS ~**

- **Fish On!** a comprehensive lesson plan, integrating science and art, is available to enhance the STATE-FISH ART Contest. It is FREE to download or we will send you a CD at no charge. Learn more by visiting our website - "[State-Fish Art lesson plan](#)".
- **\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*** - Please type or **PRINT CLEARLY** as you complete the entry form.
- In addition to your contact information, please be sure to include **the participant's email contact, home address and phone 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 "Teacher/School" information on the entry form **before photocopying and distributing** to your students.
- Entries should be mailed to the address on the top of the correct Entry Form.
- **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.**

### **THE FINE PRINT ~**

The STATE-FISH ART Contest is not open to the immediate relatives of Wildlife Forever employees or participating sponsors.

It is the student's responsibility to inform Wildlife Forever of any change of address.

The winning artists must provide autographs without charge to Wildlife Forever.

The Decisions of Wildlife Forever and the Judges are final.

### **Wildlife Forever:**

- has the right to use the name, state and grade of any STATE-FISH ART contestant, without compensation, to administer and promote the Contest
- has the right to use a photograph (if taken at a STATE-FISH ART function) of any contestant, without compensation, to administer and promote the Contest
- retains ownership of all entries and may copy, modify, distribute and publicly display it
- can keep the winning entries, up to one year, for promotional and display purposes
- may produce products such as posters, prints, T-shirts, etc. from winning entries to promote the STATE-FISH ART Contest
- will support the Contest, aquatic conservation and/or conservation education initiatives with any monies realized from the sale or licensing of entries
- will return all non-winning entries (not part of a class submittal) if the entry includes a check for \$10 to cover shipping & handling
- reserves the right to destroy unclaimed entries after one year
- will not insure entries it receives or be responsible for loss of or damage to the entries

### **Questions?**

Please [email](mailto:khollingsworth@statefishart.org) [khollingsworth@statefishart.org](mailto:khollingsworth@statefishart.org) or call 651.213.0669

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