



Current Art Contests

Entering art contests provides a range of benefits, from inspiring creation to having an audience for artwork, to scholarship awards. For a list of art contests from around the world, read on!

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Fullerton Museum Center

FULLERTON: ART TOWN

DEADLINE: May 3, 2022

The Fullerton Museum Center invites any and all **Fullerton based artists** to submit their works (all mediums and music accepted!) to be featured in our upcoming multimedia interactive exhibition FULLERTON: ART TOWN -- opening Friday, June 3rd, 2022. Aspiring artists, students, as well as professionals based in Fullerton are welcome to submit up to 3 artworks.

WEBSITE: <https://forms.gle/uXbT1hZj5m9fkkr18>

OC Fair

EXPLORIUM: VISUAL ART CONTESTS FOR KIDS

DEADLINE: May 27, 2022

The 2022 OC Fair is set for July 15-Aug. 14 and we are thrilled to welcome everyone back to "Feel the Sunshine." Tickets are on sale now! Advance ticket purchase is required as we are limiting the number of admission tickets available for each day. Choose your days and plan your summer – no transaction fees and no increase in admission prices!

Food Fun with LEGOS® - Explorium is celebrating California Agriculture. Using LEGOS, create your favorite food, snack or full meal, design and build a food truck, or bring a test kitchen to life – traditional, quirky or maybe even futuristic! Get creative and make sure your creation is attached to a sturdy base. Ages 5-8 and 9-12 divisions. One entry per child, \$3 entry fee, and size limit 12" H 12" W x 12" L max.

Feel The Sunshine Poster Art - Create a poster showing the theme at the 2022 OC Fair. You may use chalk, watercolor, pencil, crayons, markers, etc. Ages 5-8 and 9-12 divisions. One entry per child, \$3 entry fee, and size limit 11" x 17" max.

Fair Foodies - Make a sculpture of your favorite Fair Foodie. You can use paper-mâché, fabric, plastic, Styrofoam or recycled items. Ages 5-8 and 9-12 divisions. One entry per child, \$3 entry fee, and size limit 12" H 12" W x 12" L max.

Rock Art Critters - Go on a hunt to find the perfect rock. Use fine-point markers or acrylic paints to make your project come to life. Ages 5-8 and 9-12 divisions. One entry per child, \$3 entry fee, and size limit 12" H 12" W x 12" L max.

Drawing and Painting - Are you a budding artist? Create an original drawing or painting to show off your talent! Ages 9-12 only. One entry per child, \$3 entry fee, and size limit 8.5" x 11" max.

WEBSITE: <https://ocfair.com/oc-fair/competitions-contests/youth/>

OC Fair

YOUTH FINE ARTS JURIED EXHIBITION

DEADLINE: May 27, 2022

Showcase your work at the OC Fair! Open to youth ages 13-17 (by July 15, 2022) who live or attend school in Orange County, California. Original work created within two years. Ages 13-15 and 16-17 divisions. Four different classes of fine arts will be juried, including drawing, painting, mixed media/collage, and digital art. Two entries per exhibitor and \$3 per entry.

WEBSITE: <https://ocfair.com/oc-fair/competitions-contests/visual-arts/>

Chick-Fil-A

CHICK-FIL-A KID-DESIGNED ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: April 25, 2022

Do your children love to color or draw? Is your fridge covered up with their artwork? If so, this one's for you. To inspire creativity in kids and celebrate young artists, Chick-fil-A will be celebrating kid-created art designs and choosing a select few to be featured in Chick-fil-A® Kid's Meal prizes in fall 2023.

And, it's easy to participate! All your young artist needs are crayons, a little imagination and some help from you.

WEBSITE: <https://www.chick-fil-a.com/stories/lifestyle/kids-meal-prizes-to-use-kid-designed-art>

UK Thalassaemia Society

GLOBAL CREATIVE ART & POETRY COMPETITION 2022

DEADLINE: May 22, 2022

Children and adults around the world can submit creative entries (This could be a painting, drawing, illustration, graphic art, comics, poetry or similar) based on their responses to the theme.

The creative art pieces must also include a reflective explanation of your submission – maximum 200 words outlining why you chose it and what it means to you personally and how it reflects the theme of “A Whole New World”. This can be submitted in your preferred language but must also include an English translation- in MS word or pdf format.

WEBSITE: <https://ukts.org/art-terms/>

Bow Seat

11TH ANNUAL OCEAN AWARENESS CONTEST

DEADLINE: June 13, 2022

The 11th annual Ocean Awareness Contest is a platform for young people to learn about environmental issues through art-making and creative communication, explore their relationship to a changing world, and become advocates for positive change. Students ages 11-18 from around the world are invited to participate.

The 2022 Ocean Awareness Contest—THE FUNNY THING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE—challenges students to learn about climate change and its impact on the ocean, and to explore new ways to communicate the urgency of the climate crisis. Use humor, positivity, irony, or other unconventional approaches that are not typically used in environmental communication to address the climate crisis. Think outside the tackle-box, beyond clichés, to create something that makes the topic of climate change and our oceans more approachable and accessible.

WEBSITE: <https://bowseat.org/programs/ocean-awareness-contest/contest-overview/>

American Legion Auxiliary
POPPY ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: June 1, 2022

Students (grades 3 to 12) showcase their artistic talents on an 11"x14" poster board using the poppy. One student in each category per division will be selected as a winner.

WEBSITE: <https://www.legion-aux.org/national-poppy-poster-contest>

Ingoing Art Contests

United Nations

UNITED NATIONS ART COMPETITIONS & CONTESTS

DEADLINE: Varies

Competitions and contests represent a fun and entertaining way for the United Nations family to communicate on its goals and objectives, informing and engaging citizens on issues of critical importance to the organization. The U.N. offers thousands of dollars in prizes to children and teens of all ages.

WEBSITE: <https://unric.org/en/category/united-nations-digital-engagement-hub/united-nations-competitions-and-contests/>

House of Representatives

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

DEADLINE: Varies

Each spring, the [Congressional Institute](#) sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Since the Artistic Discovery competition began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated. Students submit entries to their representative's office, and panels of district artists select the winning entries. Winners are recognized both in their district and at an annual awards ceremony in Washington, DC. The winning works are displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol.

WEBSITE: <https://www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition>

US Kids Magazines

COVER ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Children ages 2 through 12 are invited to make artwork based on this year's theme, "What is Your One Wish?". Winners are featured on the cover of Humpty Dumpty Magazine and Jack and Jill Magazine, with runners up featured inside the publications. Winners earn cash prizes of \$100-\$500 apiece!

WEBSITE: <http://uskidsmags.com/artcontest/rules.php>

Teen Ink

TEEN INK CONTESTS

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Want your artwork to appear on the cover of a national magazine? Submit your images now! Photos subjects should primarily be other teens. The best images for the cover are clear, colored, high resolution, and vertically oriented.

WEBSITE: <http://www.teenink.com/contests>

Scholastic

SCHOLASTIC ART COMPETITIONS

DEADLINE: Varies

Enter a number of contests, which rotate year-round, most of which provide scholarship funds. One of the largest art competitions in the U.S., affiliated with major colleges around the country. Create an account to view a range of contests.

WEBSITE: <https://www.artandwriting.org/>

School Specialty

SCHOOL SPECIALTY ART SHARE

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Help your star students shine by submitting their outstanding artwork for consideration for a Sax catalog cover and more.

WEBSITE:

https://store.schoolspecialty.com/OA_HTML/xxssi_ibeCampaignPage.jsp?docName=V700736&minisite=10206&qclid=CJ2f7Piq2M0CFQ6NaQod3jUP1A

Student Art Guide

MORE OPTIONS FOR TEENS

[Click here](#) for an encouraging article featuring another well-curated list of art contests for teens!



Every Child is a Masterpiece