



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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Bow Seat

OCEANS AWARENESS CONTEST

DEADLINE: June 14, 2021

The 10th 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.

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

My Hero in partnership with Art Miles and UN Association San Diego

MY HERO POSTER CONTEST

DEADLINE: May 1, 2021

The MY HERO Project Gallery seeks to engage young artists in learning about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals which are meant to create a better earth now and for the future. We want young artists to be curious and investigate a goal and person, famous or non-famous, who is doing important work towards one or more of the goals.

WEBSITE: <https://myhero.com/poster-contest>

NextGen Artists Foundation

THE NEXTGEN ARTISTS AWARDS

DEADLINE: April 30, 2021

The NextGen Artists Awards is one of a kind global art competition for youths between 6 year olds to 18 years of age from anywhere in the world. It is held bi-annually and blindly judged by industry art experts with numerous years of training and experience. Each participant will receive a certification award and feedback. The participants stand a chance to be featured in galleries around the world, website and social media mentions, media coverage, career guidance opportunities, a chance to be our Junior Juror and much more.

WEBSITE: <https://www.thenextgenartists.com/2021contest>

Japanese Quality Assurance Organization

JQA INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHILDREN'S DRAWING CONTEST

DEADLINE: May 31, 2021

Since 1999, this drawing contest, for children aged 7 to 15 years old from around the world, has been supported by UNICEF Tokyo Office. This contest provides the children an opportunity to think about the global environment, by expressing their inspiration from nature's bounty. Efforts to protect the global environment will be further encouraged through the widespread appreciation of such children's drawings. This year's theme: Our Earth in 2030.

WEBSITE: <https://childrens-drawing.com/en/application.html>

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/>

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>

Celebrating Art

CELEBRATING ART BOOK COMPETITION

DEADLINES: April 2, August 13, December 5

This K-12 competition is designed to inspire! Winners have their work published in a book, and can even win cash and art supplies. Students may submit an entry for each deadline.

WEBSITE: <https://www.celebratingart.com/students>

Teen Ink

TEEN INK COVER CONTEST

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Want your photo or 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, in color, close up, 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&gclid=CJ2f7Piq2M0CFQ6NaQod3jUP1A

Student Art Guide

MORE OPTIONS FOR TEENS

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



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