



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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OC Fair

IMAGINOLOGY: POWER YOUR IMAGINATION CONTESTS

DEADLINE: March 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Imaginology will be held at OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa on April 9-10, 2022. This year, there will be two main competitions for students to enter!

Mural Project: Incorporate STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, Engineering, Math) based ideas into your mural. Each student can work together on large sheets of paper or canvas, or students can make their own pieces, that will be placed/collaged together for the final mural display.

Cardboard Engineering: Incorporate STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, Engineering, Math) based ideas into your project. Cardboard can be used to make any number of things and it has amazing strength when layered. What will you dream up to create?

WEBSITE: <https://ocfair.com/imaginology/competitions-contests>

Wildlife Forever

THE ART OF CONSERVATION: FISH ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: March 31, 2022

The Fish Art Contest was inspired in 1997 by a 5th grader's homework assignment and has grown into an international competition introducing young people to the wonders of fish, the joy of fishing, and the importance of aquatic conservation. The Fish Art Contest uses art, science, and creative writing to foster connections to the outdoors and inspire the next generation of stewards.

The Fish Art Contest is open to all youth in grades K-12 (ages 5-18). To compete Participants will submit an entry consisting of a completed entry form, an original illustration of a fish of your choice, and a one-page creative writing submission (required for grades 4-12). The 2021 contest deadline is March 31st, 2022.

WEBSITE: <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/fish-art/>

VFW Auxiliary

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: March 31, 2022

Each year, more than 4,000 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

WEBSITE: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

Never Such Innocence

LIFE AFTER CONFLICT CONTEST

DEADLINE: April 8, 2022

Brick by brick, life must be rebuilt after a conflict. It takes time to recover and resolutions may or may not be found. Countries and communities that were divided or destroyed need time to heal, to be reimagined, or sometimes even abandoned. For some, a parent, child or family member might be injured or not return at all. As time passes, community events, memorials and days of remembrance are held to honor those who were lost and provide opportunities for reflection. Share your thoughts on how people, communities and countries build a life after conflict using poetry, art, speech and song.

WEBSITE: <https://www.neversuchinnocence.com/art-competition-for-kids>

Binsey Poplar Press

THE ART AND WRITING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS CONTEST

DEADLINE: April 15, 2022

Binsey Poplar Press is a non-profit student art and writing magazine centered in Santa Clara County, California. We are run by a team of dedicated college and high school students, and we publish a magazine with work from students ages 12-26 across the globe. For this year's contest, find events about the environment that are important to you, local or international, and choose one you want to create a project about.

We will be selecting entries based on the emergence of a unique voice or vision, the quality of writing and art, the ability to make an environmental issue feel personal and important to readers/viewers, and the ability to enact change about important issues related to climate change, environmental activism, clean energy,

WEBSITE: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/young-american-creative-patriotic-art-contest/>

US Kids Magazines

CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY HERO ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: April 20, 2022

As the world rallies together during the pandemic, the reality and comfort of humanity's goodness shines through. MY HERO is accepting art submissions about heroes helping others during the coronavirus outbreak. The hero can be anyone!

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

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/>

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>

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/>

Ongoing 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&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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