



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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The Radiant Peace Foundation International, Inc.

THE RADIANT PEACE EDUCATION AWARDS

DEADLINE: March 23, 2023

All students in grades 1-12 - from public and private schools, home schools, youth and after-school groups, and abroad - are welcome to enter the spring 2023 national program of The Radiant Peace Education Awards®! The Radiant Peace Education Awards program gives students an opportunity to express themselves about Radiant Peace in their own lives in essays, art, videos and projects.

This year's entries must be postmarked by March 23 (received by April 6), with winners being announced in May. All participants receive beautiful iron-on Radiant Peace Patches, and outstanding entries will also receive certificates and cash awards! Winner's classrooms will also receive cash awards.

WEBSITE: <https://www.radiantpeace.org/trpea/invitation.html>

Rochester Contemporary Art Center

6X6X2023 - THE INTERNATIONAL SMALL ART PHENOMENON

DEADLINE: April 11, 2023

6x6 Make Art Day (March 3) encourages people from across the globe and throughout Rochester to gather with friends, family, and coworkers to make art that will be exhibited in RoCo's 6x6 exhibition. Stop by RoCo March 3 to make your own 6x6 artwork or learn how to host your own 6x6 art-making party! Square The Love: Ukraine will highlight artworks from Ukraine and made by those fleeing Ukraine.

Rochester Contemporary Art Center (RoCo) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) founded in 1977. The funds raised through 6x6 enable us to continue providing unique encounters for audiences and extraordinary opportunities for artists including exhibitions, public art, and other programs.

WEBSITE: <https://roco6x6.org/>

United Kingdom Thalassaemia Society

GLOBAL CREATIVE ART COMPETITION 2023

DEADLINE: May 14, 2023

This year's theme is Fantasy & Fairy Tales

The competition had many fans and supporters and one of which was Silence Therapeutics PLC (a pharmaceutical company who is currently conducting clinical trials in thalassaemia) offered to sponsor the event. The competition is open to all children and adults throughout the world. Parents/ Guardian consent will be needed for children under 16. You must agree to the terms and conditions to enter.

There are 5 age groups! (3-5, 6-9, 10-12, 13-16 and 17+) and 15 prizes to be won in total! There will also be trustee prizes awarded based on skill and not popularity. The number of these prizes awarded will be decided by the trustees after viewing all the entries that meet the competition's criteria.

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

Ongoing Art Contests

Next Gen Artists

NEXT GEN ARTISTS AWARDS

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Ages 6-25 are welcome to participate! We at The NextGen Artists Awards are passionate about providing a virtual space to link current and successful professional artists with the next generation of creators. We are a platform that provides opportunities to create and engage with a network of talented and successful professional artists. We combine fun, creativity, and community into a professional career development framework that encourages young artists to create; successful artists to mentor; and communities to grow while providing the next generation of artists with opportunity, resources, and support to start their journey in the arts. Up to 5 artworks can be entered, and entry fee is \$40 per entry.

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

Worldwide Kids Drawings

WORLDWIDE KIDS DRAWING CONTEST

DEADLINE: Ongoing

This is a year round contest with no deadline. Winners will be announced when new drawings show on our winner's page. All contestants will be judged on their original style and artistic value. There is no theme to the drawing contest. Draw or paint what you feel represents your original style and artistic value. The contest is broken into three categories. Ages 6 through 8, ages 9 through 12 and ages 13 through 17. The contestants will be judged in these three categories, so everyone will have a great opportunity to win!

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

Each issue, one artist or photographer's work will be chosen to represent that month's issue. Check out some past covers to find inspiration for your cover! Submit your images now!

All photographs and artwork submitted to Teen Ink are automatically considered for the cover art contest. The best images for the cover are clear, colored, high resolution, and vertically oriented. There are no deadlines; images are accepted and published throughout the year. Keep in mind if your submission has a seasonal or holiday theme, it's best to send it in early. If your submission is chosen for one of our covers, you will receive a \$25 gift card.

WEBSITE: <https://www.teenink.com/contests/CoverPhoto>

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/>

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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