



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!

Last Updated: 5/22/2023

Bow Seat's Ocean Awareness

2023 OCEAN AWARENESS CONTEST – CLIMATE HEROES IN ACTION

DEADLINE: June 13, 2023

The 2023 Ocean Awareness Contest – Climate Heroes in Action – encourages students to learn about both climate change and solutions to the climate crisis. We want to celebrate the work of countless everyday heroes fighting to make the world more habitable and just in the face of human-induced climate change. These heroes are leading with determination, resolve, and even joy to create a better world for us all.

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

Easterseals

EASTERSEALS 2024 SEAL ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: July 14, 2023

This contest is meant to secure beautiful original floral art work from which Easterseals can select pieces that will become part of the 2024 Easterseals Seal campaign.

Easterseals, founded in 1919, is a non-profit organization which provides programs and services to help children and adults with disabilities achieve independence. Since 1934, Easterseals has been using decorative stamps to raise money and create awareness of its programs. Today, nearly 10 million households nationwide receive the organization's seal campaign each spring. Participating in this program is a wonderful opportunity to gain national exposure for your creative talents, while at the same time helping Easterseals to raise funds to provide programs and services for people with disabilities.

WEBSITE: <https://www.easterseals.com/news-and-stories/news/seals-competition.html>

Mangrove Action Project

22ND ANNUAL MANGROVE ART CONTEST

We would like to invite children from your country to join in this fantastic, creative and educational competition. It is an opportunity for the younger generation to learn about the vital role Mangroves play in the lives of coastal communities and marine life around the world whilst letting them explore their imagination and have fun when creating their pieces of art.

The competition is open to all children worldwide, with selected winners published in the 2024 calendar to be distributed internationally to raise awareness of mangrove forest ecology. We would like to invite children from your country to join in this fantastic creative and educational competition.

WEBSITE: <https://mangroveactionproject.org/childrens-calendar/>

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!



Every Child is a Masterpiece