



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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Youth Inspired Publishing

THE MYSTERY OF OLD COONTZ MILL ILLUSTRATION CONTEST

DEADLINE: November 30, 2021

Authors published through Youth Inspired Publishing, work with child artists 18 years or younger for all illustrations. Our goal through this unique collaboration is to provide our youth with opportunities to showcase their talents. By harnessing and nurturing these gifts early, we hope to provide a healthy outlet for kids to feel empowered to follow their dreams!

WEBSITE: <https://www.samanthasbell.com/youth-inspired-publishing-illustration-contest/>

Wildlife Forever

THE ART OF CONSERVATION

DEADLINE: November 30, 2021

The **Art of Conservation® Songbird Art Contest™** is a new art competition hosted by Wildlife Forever, focused on sharing the wonder and species diversity of North American songbirds. Connecting people to nature through the arts has helped to transform policy and management, greatly benefitting wildlife species across the world. Raising awareness and educating the public on how to help recover North America's songbird population will create stewardship and lasting benefits to people young and old, ensuring the future of conservation. Participants are required to submit an original piece of artwork accompanied by an essay detailing the unique characteristics of their chosen bird species and conservation needs.

WEBSITE: <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/songbird-art-contest/>

EarthX

ECO-ART COMPETITION 2022

DEADLINE: January 19, 2022

The 12th Annual Space Foundation International Student Art Contest is now accepting registration and artwork submissions. Student artists ages 3–18 are invited to participate by creating and submitting original, space-oriented artwork based on the year's theme. This year's theme is: *Living, Working And Playing On The Moon*.

WEBSITE: <https://art.spacefoundation.org/>

EarthX

ECO-ART COMPETITION 2022

DEADLINE: January 24, 2022

Young artists, ages 5-22, will create a piece of art, either 2-D or 3-D, that illustrates the message of the theme: **Plant the Seed**. Contestants can use any medium or combination of media as long as the work meets the size requirements designated in the Official Rules. The goals of this competition are to give students a voice about how they view the environmental issues in the world in which they live, whether local or global as well as a platform to raise awareness about the environmental issues important to them and move others to take action through the creation of their work.

WEBSITE: <https://earthx.org/education/art-competition/>

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>

Celebrating Art

CELEBRATING ART BOOK COMPETITION

DEADLINES: December 5, 2021

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&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!



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