



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: 11/22/2022

Youth Inspired Publishing

YOUTH INSPIRED PUBLISHING ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

Each chapter winner will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card and the cover winner will receive a \$500 Amazon gift card. Additionally, all winning illustrations will be published in the final version of the book along with recognition of the artist. Any child 18 years or younger, US citizen, and has a parent or guardian that will submit on their behalf. After the contest deadline on **November 30th, 2022**, all submissions will be reviewed by the author and contest judges at Youth Inspired Publishing. The winning illustrations will be notified via the contact information provided and will be required to sign a consent/release form and send in the original illustration (illustrations will not be considered without original copy and consent/release form).

WEBSITE: <https://youthinspiredpublishing.com/contest-rules-2022/>

Wildlife Forever

SONGBIRD ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

The **Art of Conservation® Songbird Art Contest™** is an art competition hosted by Wildlife Forever, focused on sharing the wonder and species diversity of North American songbirds. Building off the successful *Wildlife Forever Fish Art Contest®* and inspired by the legacy of artist and conservationist Jay Norwood Darling, participants will learn about a North American Songbird Species and compete for prizes and international recognition.

Participants are required to submit an original piece of artwork accompanied by an essay detailing the unique characteristics of their chosen bird species and their conservation needs. Participants will have until November 30th of each year to submit their entry to the contest by mail to Wildlife Forever. A judging event will be held in December with avian biologists, local birders, and partner organizations.

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

Next Gen Artists

NEXT GEN ARTISTS AWARDS

DEADLINE: TBA

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/>

US Kids Magazine

HUMPTY DUMPTY AND JACK AND JILL COVER CONTEST

DEADLINE: February 1, 2023

At U.S. Kids Magazines, we believe in encouraging children's creativity and supporting our schools' art programs. Art offers children a unique means of expression, capturing their passions and emotions and fostering the exploration of new ideas, subject matter, and cultures.

Each year, we invite readers and students from around the country to share their creative talents by entering our annual cover contest. The winning entry is featured on the front cover of *Jack and Jill* or *Humpty Dumpty* magazine, with second-, third-place, and Readers' Choice winners' art showcased inside the same issue. In addition, U.S. Kids also recognizes winners' art departments and teachers with cash awards to help support their programs.

This year, we're asking you to think about **what pets do when their humans are out**. Do the dogs take up art? Do the cats play video games? What happens? Draw your theories and share them with us! For contest rules and how to enter, [CLICK HERE](#).

WEBSITE: <https://uskidsmags.com/artcontest/>

Ongoing Art Contests

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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