



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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NASA

COMMERCIAL CREW 2024 ARTWORK CONTEST

DEADLINE: October 25, 2023

Attention parents, teachers, and students worldwide! It's that time of year, and NASA's Commercial Crew Program (CCP) is holding its annual artwork contest to help star-seeking children get engaged with the excitement of space exploration. Now through Oct. 25, 2023, children ages four to 12 years old can submit artwork in four space-related themes. Winning artwork will be selected from three age groups in each theme, and first, second, and third place selections will be used to create an out-of-this-world calendar for 2024!

WEBSITE: <https://www.nasa.gov/feature/commercial-crew-artwork-contest>

Kids 4 Human Rights

KIDS 4 HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL DRAWING CONTEST

DEADLINE: October 31, 2023

What do human rights mean to you? And why should they be respected and defended? The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has teamed up with Spanish artist Cristobal Gabarron and the Gabarron Foundation to launch an international drawing contest urging young people to reflect on the importance of human rights.

If you are between 10 and 14 years old, express yourself by taking part in this global art competition to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, one of the most important documents of the 20th century. Young artists have until 31 October 2023 to submit their artwork. The winners will be announced on 10 December, celebrated worldwide as Human Rights Day.

WEBSITE: <https://unric.org/en/kids-4-human-rights-international-drawing-contest/>

Save the Frogs!

SAVE THE FROGS ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: November 1, 2023

Amphibian populations worldwide are in the midst of a mass extinction crisis, yet many people are completely unaware! We need your help in getting the word out: we encourage all nature lovers to seek out their inner frog artist and participate in the SAVE THE FROGS! Art Contest! People of all ages, nationalities, and skill levels are encouraged to enter the contest, and we hope all schools will draw frog art on Save The Frogs Day!

The SAVE THE FROGS! Art Contest invites you to create your coolest frog artwork. The contest raises awareness of the amphibian extinction problem by getting people involved and interested, and the artwork is used on t-shirts,

stickers and posters, and in greeting cards and books, to both publicize our cause and raise money for SAVE THE FROGS! amphibian conservation efforts.

WEBSITE: <https://savethefrogs.com/art/>

The Art of Conservation

SONGBIRD ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: November 30, 2023

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. Participants will learn about a North American Songbird Species and compete for prizes and international recognition.

Connecting people to nature through the arts has helped to transform policy and management. 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.

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

International Festival of Owls

INTERNATIONAL KIDS' OWL ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: January 15, 2024

This owl art contest started around 2004 as a coloring contest to involve local young people in the Festival of Owls. Over the years it has grown into a highly competitive international art competition with over 2,000 entries from dozens of countries each year.

Children must be 18 or younger on the date their entry is mailed. There may be no help from adults with any part of the piece. Entries are accepted from any country in the world.

Entrants will be separated into age categories as follows:

- 0-5 years
- 6-9 years
- 10-14 years
- 15-18 years

There is no entry fee for participation.

Limit 1 entry per person and 50 entries per school if mailed by the school in a package. If more than 50 students from one school want to enter, those that are not selected by the school to be part of their package may be mailed individually by the students.

Siblings may mail their entries together.

All entries become the property of the International Owl Center and cannot be returned due to the large volume of entries received.

Entries may be used for decoration, fundraising, promotional purposes, or printed materials for sale. This may include using them as decoration during the International Festival of Owls and throughout the year, selling them in the Owl Center gift shop, auctioning them in fundraisers, temporary display at other facilities (such as museums and galleries), making them into greeting cards to be used and sold, featuring them on shirts and other promotional materials, and other uses.

By entering the contest, artists acknowledge that their entries will become the property of the International Owl Center and will not be returned, even if disqualified.

WEBSITE: <https://www.festivalofowls.com/kids-art-contest.html>

World Photography Organization

WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY ORGANIZATION PHOTO CONTEST

DEADLINE: January 24, 2024

The brief for this year's Youth competition is 'Through Your Eyes'. What is your (and your generation's) perception of the world? From your family to the local environment to your day-to-day life, show us what – through your eyes – are the subjects and themes you want to photograph and share. Whatever the genre, technique or subject matter, we want to see your photographs. You can enter up to three images for free, and this contest is open to photographers under 19 year-olds submitting single images taken in 2023.

WEBSITE: <https://www.worldphoto.org/sony-world-photography-awards/youth>

U.S. Kids Magazine

U.S. KIDS MAGAZINE COVER CONTEST

DEADLINE: February 1, 2024

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 tell us about a dream you had with your art. Draw your dreams and share them with us!

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

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SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS CHALLENGE

DEADLINE: March 24, 2024

The Science Without Borders® Challenge is an international contest that engages students and teachers in ocean conservation through art. This annual competition inspires students to be creative while promoting public awareness of the need to preserve, protect, and restore the world's oceans and aquatic resources, contributing to the overarching goals of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation. The Challenge is open to primary and secondary school students 11-19 years old, with scholarships of up to \$500 awarded to the winning entries.

WEBSITE: <https://www.livingoceansfoundation.org/education/science-without-borders-challenge/>

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/awards/how-to-enter/>

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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