



Rules & Guidelines

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Wildlife Forever STATE-FISH ART CONTEST

Entries must:

- Be postmarked **no later than midnight Tuesday, March 31st.**
- Be mailed to the address on the top of the Entry Form.
- Include both **Artwork** with a **completed Entry Form** and an **Essay.**
 - K-3 entries do not need an essay but they will be judged and awarded.
 - Artwork and Essay should not be attached to one another.
- Abide by the Guidelines below.

Entry Forms Must:

- Be for the correct location (applies to international entries and entries from AK, GA, TX, and MO only).
- Be complete and signed by a guardian or teacher.
- Have an email and home address for the artist or guardian (so we can contact you in the summer with details about shipping, winning etc.)
- Be affixed to the back of the artwork using a Clear Glue Stick.
- Be clear and readable.

Artwork Guidelines

Horizontal

~~Vertical~~

- Sizing is **9"x12"** (23cm x 30cm) and does not exceed ¼" in total thickness.
- Art is **Horizontal**, without a mat, frame or border.
- Art Depicts any designated state-fish or Ontario, Canada fish from the Official Fish List. (<https://www.wildlifeever.org/home/state-fish-art/official-fish-list/>)
- Art does not have the artist's signature, initials or name on the front. Other writing is accepted if it is part of the artwork. (i.e. name of a boat)
- Art is the artist's original creation and does not infringe upon copyright laws.
- All mediums except digitally rendered art and photographs are allowed.
 - NOTE: please spray chalk and pastel entries with a fixative to eliminate smudging. A loose cover sheet may be laid over the face for protection during shipping.

Essay Guidelines

- Length is no more than **one side of one page.**
- Should show the student's knowledge, connection to and/or understanding of their chosen State-Fish, its habitat, behavior or conservation needs and issues.
- Should be original writing in any format.
- May be handwritten or typed but must be easy to read.
- Essays may be decorated, have illustrations, or be creative in appearance however, the words should be the focus.
- Should include the Student's Name, Grade and State on the back.



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International Entries

- International entries must select a species from the Official Fish List.
 - <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/state-fish-art/official-fish-list/>
- Scan your Artwork, Essay and International Entry Form and email to info@wildlifeforever.org Subject line: Fish Migration Award - Artist Name - Country

Educators

- In addition to your contact information, please be sure to include the participant or guardian's email contact and home address on each entry so we can keep in touch directly with state and national winners regarding the summer EXPO and subsequent return of their art or essay.
- Please complete the "Educator/School" information on the entry form before photocopying and distributing to your students.
- Please assume responsibility for making ethics part of the overall contest. There is no room for plagiarism in artwork or essay content. Copyright laws do apply.
- All artwork from formal classroom Teachers will be returned free of charge.

Artwork Return

- If you are not submitting your art through a formal classroom teacher and would like your art returned; please include a \$10 check to Wildlife Forever to cover materials, shipping and handling and have a complete home address on your entry form. **This does not apply to AK, GA, MO, TX or international entries please contact us for more information about return policies.**
- First place artwork and essays will be returned before September 1st. All other entries with included check will be returned before July 1st.
- If you did not choose to include \$10 and you did not place 1st in your state, your artwork will be held in-house until March 31st of the following year. At that point, your artwork will be permanently archived and will not be available for return.

The STATE-FISH ART Contest is open worldwide to all children in grades K -12 in public, private or home-school, any youth group, after-school program, youth camp, scout troop, art class, etc., or just an individual kid that wants to enter! Any child of K-12 age is eligible as long as a responsible adult reads, agrees to and signs their entry form.

**Please, only submit one entry per student per year.
Previous entries are not eligible.
Vertical entries will be disqualified.**

Questions?

Call 763-253-0222

Email info@wildlifeforever.org

www.StateFishArt.org



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FISH MIGRATION AWARD

Fish Migration Award

The Fish Migration Award is a new award category for the 2020 contest. Participants will choose a migratory Fish Species from the “Fish Migration Award Species List.”

Participants may choose to create:

1. One entry of a North American Species that will compete for **both** the State-Fish Art Contest and the Fish Migration Award (*One piece of Art and One Essay*).
2. Two Entries, one to compete for the Fish Migration Award **and** one of a species off of the “Official Fish List” for the State-Fish Art Contest. If you choose to create two entries, please include an entry form for both pieces of artwork (*Two pieces of Art and One Essay*).
3. One entry to ONLY compete for the Fish Migration Award. (*One piece of Art Only*).



Winners will be announced on
World Fish Migration Day.

Visit

www.worldfishmigrationday.com
to learn more



Fish Migration Award Guidelines:

- Artwork must abide by the same guidelines as the State-Fish Art Contest
- Artwork must have a complete Entry Form affixed to the back using a Clear Glue Stick.
- There is no essay required for this award.

International Entries for the Fish Migration Award

- Email your Artwork and Entry Form to to : info@wildlifeforever.org on or before March 31st,
Subject line: Fish Migration Award - Artist Name - Country
- It is best to scan your artwork if possible, if not, please take a photo of your art in a well lit area with the flash off. Fill the entire frame with your artwork so we can see as much detail as possible.

Please, only submit one Fish Migration Award entry per student per year.
Vertical entries will be disqualified.

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