



The Art of Conservation presents
The Fish Art Contest
2025 Rules & Guidelines



Eligibility:

The Fish Art Contest is free and open to all persons in **grades K-12**.

Only one entry is allowed per person, previous entries are not eligible.

An entry consists of an **entry form, artwork, and creative writing submission** (writing not required for grades K-3rd)

Entries must abide by the guidelines below and be submitted by **February 28th, 2025**.

Artwork Specifications:

- Art should feature any fish species of choice (with exceptions, see below). Some species are eligible for specialty awards.
Goldfish, guppies, bettas, and koi are NOT eligible.
Artwork must feature wild fish in natural habitats.
- The following states may have specific requirements: Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Vermont, and Texas students, please refer to your state-specific page for direction.
- **Artwork and writing must be the contestant's unique, original hand-done creation, you may not reproduce any other artists work and present it as your own in any medium or use any digital mediums, computers, or AI generation.** Participants are allowed to use photos, videos, and artwork, including those of past Fish Art participants as inspiration only when creating your artwork. If you have questions about what constitutes inspiration, we encourage you to speak with an art teacher, adult in your life, or some other person who can help get you the information you need, as we cannot provide legal guidance to you.
- Inspirational references used must be cited on the participants entry form with the source and original author of the work named.
- **Any artwork or writing considered to potentially infringe on another's intellectual property will be disqualified from the contest. Any artwork or writing that appears to be an exact replica, in whole or substantial part, of another's work will be disqualified.**
- Artwork must be in hand-done 2D mediums (paint, colored pencil, crayon, marker, collage, etc). Please spray chalk and pastel entries with a fixative to eliminate smudging. A loose cover sheet may be laid over the face of the artwork for protection if shipped.
- Art must be free of writing including signatures or initials. Artist signatures are allowed on the back of the artwork.

Creative Writing Specifications:

- **Length:** No more than one side of one page, typed or handwritten, with the contestant's name, grade, and home state on the front or back.
- Creative writing should show the contestants knowledge, connection to and/or understanding of their chosen species.
- Creative writing submissions may be decorated, have illustrations or be creative in appearance but the words should be the main focus of the piece.
- Creative writing **not required** for contestants in grades K-3 and international participants.

Entry Form Specifications:

- Participants should be sure to select the entry form that applies to them. [Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Vermont, and Texas](#) have state specific forms. All other US and international participants should use the general entry form. Please see each state's page on the Art of Conservation website for state specific rules.
- Entry form must contain an email and mailing address for the artist or supervising adult.
- Entry form must be signed by both the artist and the supervising adult.

Artwork Return Specifications:**

- Entries submitted by a US formal public or private school classroom teacher will receive **free return shipping** of their artwork and a certificate of participation for each student.
- Other US participants who would like their mailed artwork returned must include a \$10 payment payable to Wildlife Forever to cover materials, shipping and handling. Payments can be made by including a check or sending a completed credit card form (available at the end of this document) with your entry.
- ** This information does not apply to participants from [Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Vermont, and Texas](#). Contact info@WildlifeForever.org to be connected to your state's host.

International Participants:

- Submit entries through the online form at: <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/>
- Creative Writing is not required for any international participant.
- If you choose to send your entry by mail, please know that we will not be able to return it.



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2024 Return Shipping Credit Card Payment Form

Please print, complete, and return this form if you would like to pay your \$10 return shipping cost by credit card.

This payment only applies to those who send their entry by mail and would like their artwork returned.

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Card Type: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____/____ CVV (3 or 4 digit security code) _____