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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California Coastal Commission

Coastal Art & Poetry Contest

DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

Celebrate beautiful our beautiful state with a California-specific coastal or marine theme, depicting native species or local terrain. This contest is open to K-12. Winning visual art and poetry will be exhibited for public view at national parks state-wide, and winners will receive $100 in Blick art supplies or books.

WEBSITE: https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/poster.html

Toyota

Toyota dream car kids art contest

DEADLINE: January 31, 2020

Designed to inspire creativity in youth and imagine the future of mobility, artists ages 8 through 15 are invited to creatively express the idea of their dream car, in one of three age-appropriate categories. Winners are chosen based on uniqueness, execution and artistry of concept.

WEBSITE: https://www.toyotadreamcarusa.com
**Goi Peace Foundation**

**2019-2020 Contest: Sports & Peace**

DEADLINE: February 15, 2020

Peace Pals International has joined in partnership with our sister organization, Goi Peace Foundation of Japan, in this very special art exhibition and awards for 2019/2020, with the theme of **Sports and Peace**. The winners will be announced and exhibited in Japan during the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.


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**Endangered Species Coalition**

**2020 Saving Endangered Species Youth Art Contest**

DEADLINE: March 1, 2020

The contest is an integral part of the 15th annual Endangered Species Day on May 15, 2020. Artwork must depict a land or ocean-dwelling species that either lives in or migrates through the United States and its waters, or a plant/flower that is found in the United States, and has been placed on the threatened or endangered species list. Participants are strongly encouraged to tell a story of hope through their art.


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**Orange County Fair**

**OC Fair competitions and contests**

DEADLINE: Varies

The Orange County fair hosts a wide variety of opportunities for artists to compete. Follow the link to sign up for updates through their website!

**David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation**

**Global Canvas Children’s Art Competition**

DEADLINE: 2020 – now open

Global Canvas – Children’s Art Competition is an annual art contest encouraging collaboration and creativity to display thought and concern for our planet’s environment. This year’s theme is ‘Endangered’, exploring the thousands of species of animal, plant and insect at risk of extinction across the world.

WEBSITE: [https://davidshepherd.org/global-canvas](https://davidshepherd.org/global-canvas)

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**Worldwide Kids Drawings**

**Worldwide Kids Drawing Contest**

DEADLINE: Ongoing, January-June

This drawing contest is open to children ages 6-17. The website is specifically dedicated to help kids show their artistic talent by entering their drawing contest. Prizes go up to $1,000.

WEBSITE: [https://www.celebratingart.com/students](https://www.celebratingart.com/students)

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**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!


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**Celebrating Art**
**Celebrating art book Competition**

DEADLINES: December 6, April 16, August 23

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](https://www.celebratingart.com/students)

**U.S. House of Representatives**

**Congressional Art Competition**

DEADLINE: Varies

Each year, one high school student is chosen to represent his or her congressional district, and is flown to Washington D.C. to attend an awards ceremony, with airfare included. Scholarship funds are available through this award, as well.

WEBSITE: [https://www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition](https://www.house.gov/educators-and-students/congressional-art-competition)

**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](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/](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&gclid=CJ2f7Piq2M0CFQ6NaQod3jUP1A

Know of an art contest or scholarship our students or the community at large can enter? Call 714-524-2248, or email us! centraloffice@artstepsclasses.com

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