



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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Toyota

2023 TOYOTA DREAM CAR USA ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: January 31, 2023

Toyota is proud to hold a contest that inspires children and teens to dream about the future of cars while using art to inspire others to make an impact on the world. Get your kids' creative engines started! Unpack the art supplies, unbuckle imaginations, and kickstart the freewheeling designs of what your kids think cars should look like in the future. Then, enter their artworks in the FY22 Toyota Dream Car USA Art Contest. Submissions created by youth, ages 4-15, will be accepted online or by mail during November 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

WEBSITE: <https://www.toyotadreamcarusa.com/an-wave-of-opportunity-and-creativity/>

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 cats play video games? What happens? Draw your theories and share them with us!

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

David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation

DSWF GLOBAL CANVAS 2023

DEADLINE: February 10, 2023

Global Canvas is David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF)'s annual children's art competition which is open to groups and individuals aged 16 and under including friends, art clubs and schools (including a class, year group or entire school). It's a fantastic way to encourage creativity, to display thought and concern for our planet's environment and the incredible wildlife that inhabits it.

The Global Canvas 2023 theme is “Biodiversity – the complex web of life” with entries open from 8th September 2022 until 10th February 2023. Launched in 2004, Global Canvas is David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF)’s international children’s art competition. Open to groups and individuals aged 4-16 globally, previous themes have included It’s Our World, We Can Heal the World, Wild Wonders, Our Precious Planet, Into the Wild, Habitats of the World, Endangered, Healing Nature – A Planet on the Edge.

WEBSITE: <https://www.toyotadreamcarusa.com/an-wave-of-opportunity-and-creativity/>

Wildlife Forever

THE ART OF CONSERVATION FISH ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: February 28, 2023

Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Fish Art Contest! With over 55,000 entries and counting, the Fish Art Contest is the BEST way to introduce youth to conservation and the joys of fishing. The Fish Art Contest uses art, science, and creative writing to foster connections to the outdoors and inspire the next generation of stewards.

Create a hand-done, original illustration of your species. Exact copies of a photo or other artist’s work will be disqualified. Any 2D medium is acceptable. A personally written piece of creative writing or essay (one side of one page) sharing what you learned. Essays are not required for K-3 and international participants, but will be considered for awards if submitted.

WEBSITE: <https://www.wildlifeforever.org/home/fish-art/>

Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation

SCIENCE WITHOUT BORDERS® CHALLENGE

DEADLINE: March 6, 2023

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.

The theme for the 2023 Science without Borders® Challenge is “The Sixth Extinction.” For this year’s contest, you can help create awareness about endangered species. We ask students to create a piece of artwork that highlights the beauty and importance of a marine species that is on the brink of extinction.

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://uskidsmaqs.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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