



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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Mangrove Action Project

21ST ANNUAL MANGROVE ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: August 1, 2022

Selected winners will be published in the 2023 calendar to be distributed internationally to raise awareness of mangrove forest ecology. This colorful calendar has increased in popularity since its first publication in 2002. The 2023 calendar is our 21st edition. We would like to invite children from your country to join in this fantastic creative and educational competition. It is an opportunity for the younger generation to learn about the vital role Mangroves play in the lives of coastal communities and marine life around the world whilst letting them explore their imagination and have fun when creating their pieces of art.

WEBSITE: <https://mangroveactionproject.org/childrens-calendar/>

Celebrating Art

CELEBRATING ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: August 11, 2022

Teachers or students can enter the art online. Any student in grades K-12 can enter for free. Open to students attending public schools, home schools, and art studios. Students share thousands in awards and can become published artists.

WEBSITE: <https://www.celebratingart.com/>

NASA Earth

SCIENCE IN ACTION COMIC STRIP CONTEST

DEADLINE: August 31, 2022

High School Students and Adults are eligible to participate. Scientists, artists and astronauts will judge the artwork, and our esteemed Finals Judges will select the winners! Winning art will receive great visibility as NASA and SciArt Exchange share it via digital communication and in-person displays that inspire and educate everyone about the impact NASA's science in action has here on Earth. Winners will also receive a personalized trophy and certificate.

Use your comic strip artwork to tell one of these three success stories:

- [Palau fish stocks in danger - satellite data to the rescue!](#)
- [Satellite data and savvy scientists save civilians from worsening wildfire hazards!](#)
- [Citizens of Thailand avoid harmful air with 'quality' satellite data!](#)

WEBSITE: <https://www.sciartex.net/science-in-action-nasa-earth-comic-strip-contest.html>

Constitution Facts

CONSTITUTION DAY POSTER DESIGN CONTEST

DEADLINE: October 1, 2022

Constitutionfacts.com and the GIC (Government Information for Children - ALA GODORT) are national sponsors of the Fourteenth Annual U.S. Constitution Day Poster Contest for students, an international contest promoted exclusively through the Internet. To compete, the contest invites K-12 entrants (including homeschoolers) to celebrate Constitution Day (Sept. 17) by designing a poster showing how they benefited from the freedoms embodied in the U.S. Constitution.

WEBSITE: <https://www.constitutionfacts.com/constitution-poster-design-contest/>

MY HERO Project

MY HERO PORTRAIT CONTEST

DEADLINE: October 1, 2022

Professional artists and students- you are welcome to submit one or more hero portraits as an entry or multiple entries! Works of art submitted will be judged by Robert Shetterly, artist founder of Americans Who Tell the Truth and the MY HERO Gallery staff! Each work of art can represent someone you admire who has done something significant - for you, for your community or for our planet. Each work of art can illustrate an heroic act that has impacted your world or our society as a whole.

WEBSITE: <https://myhero.com/portrait-contest>

MY HERO Project

MY HERO POSTER CONTEST

DEADLINE: October 1, 2022

The MY HERO Project Gallery seeks to engage young artists in learning about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals which are meant to create a better earth now and for the future. We want young artists to be curious and investigate a goal and person, famous or non-famous, who is doing important work towards one or more of the goals.

WEBSITE: <https://myhero.com/poster-contest>

Embracing Our Differences

2022 EXHIBIT EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES CONTEST

DEADLINE: October 1, 2022

Artists possess a powerful tool to evoke social change. Without uttering a single word, they can enlighten, educate and affect change around the world. Embracing Our Differences invites you to participate in creating a society where diversity is embraced and individuality is celebrated. Become a part of this change by submitting your original art to Embracing Our Differences and its annual international outdoor juried art exhibit.

WEBSITE: <https://www.embracingourdifferences.org/submit-art-2022-exhibit/>

Save the Frogs

SAVE THE FROGS! ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: November 1, 2022

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/>

Wildlife Forever

SONGBIRD ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: November 30, 2022

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. Building off the successful Wildlife Forever *Fish Art Contest®* and inspired by the legacy of artist and conservationist Jay Norwood Darling, participants will learn about a North American Songbird Species and compete for prizes and international recognition.

Participants are required to submit an original piece of artwork accompanied by an essay detailing the unique characteristics of their chosen bird species and their conservation needs. Participants will have until November 30th of each year to submit their entry to the contest by mail to Wildlife Forever. A judging event will be held in December with avian biologists, local birders, and partner organizations.

Connecting people to nature through the arts has helped to transform policy and management, as well as benefit wildlife species across the world. 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/>

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 the cats play video games? What happens? Draw your theories and share them with us! For contest rules and how to enter, [CLICK HERE](#).

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

Ongoing Art Contests

Next Gen Artists

NEXT GEN ARTISTS AWARDS

DEADLINE: Varies

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/>

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

Want your 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, colored, high resolution, and vertically oriented.

WEBSITE: <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/>

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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