

# News Release

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## South Dakota Youth Wins the 2013 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that a canvasback duck was selected to appear on the 2013-2014 Federal Junior Duck Stamp. The design for the new stamp, painted by 6-year-old Madison Grimm of Burbank, S.D., was chosen by a panel of judges at the national Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest, held at the National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, W. Va.

The oil painting, which won the South Dakota State Junior Duck Stamp Contest, was judged the winner among Best-of-Show entries from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Proceeds from sales of the \$5 Junior Duck Stamp support environmental education.

“I congratulate our winning artist and all of the young people who participate in the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program each year,” said Steve Guertin, deputy director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and one of the judges for this year’s contest. “I was truly amazed by the talent shown in the art entries I saw today – it was difficult to choose just one winner.”

Peter Coulter, 17, of Washington, Mo., won second place with an acrylic painting depicting a pair of snow geese.

Third place went to Drake Schlosser, 17, of Rubicon, Wis., for his acrylic rendition of a common goldeneye.

The 2013 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation Message Contest winner was 13-year-old Nick Kolkmeier from Union, Ky., with his entry: “Nature is our history, conservation is our future.”

For a complete contest results, go to the Junior Duck Stamp Program's website at [www.fws.gov/juniorduck](http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck). A gallery of all state Best of Show entries can be found at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usfwshq/sets/72157633238798918/>.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest is the culmination of a year-long Junior Duck Stamp conservation program used by educators across the nation. This year, more than 29,000 students participated in state Junior Duck Stamp competitions.

The Junior Duck Stamp Contest winner will receive \$5,000. The second place winner will receive \$3,000, the third-place winner will receive \$2,000 and the Conservation Message winner will receive \$500.

In addition to Guertin, judges for this year's national Junior Duck Stamp Contest were 2013-2014 Federal Duck Stamp artist Robert Steiner; Robert Blohm, a retired wildlife biologist and manager in the Service's Migratory Bird Program; Jay Slack, director of the National Conservation Training Center; and Kristin Simanek, a visual information specialist at the training center.

The First Day of Sale Ceremony for the 2013-2014 Federal and Junior Duck Stamps will be held June 28, at the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Ashland, Va. It is free and open to the public. Both the Federal and Junior Duck Stamp artists will be available to sign stamps, and the U.S. Postal Service will have a special cancellation for collectors.

The Junior Duck Stamp Program has updated its arts and science curriculum to make it fresh, modern and even more relevant and engaging for today's teachers and students. The new Junior Duck Stamp Program *Educators Guide* and *Youth Guide* provide 10 lesson plans, with exercises and activities focusing on conservation science, our changing natural world, and fun.

Supplemental guides focusing on homeschools and informal education settings such as nature centers, national wildlife refuges and after-school programs are also now available. The new curriculum guides are available for download at [www.fws.gov/juniorduck](http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck).

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