

Literature Contest Rules 2020 Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar

Theme: *AK Bird Babies*

The goal of the Alaska Migratory Bird Calendar Contest is to encourage local Alaska students to learn about bird conservation.

There are four ways to win:

- 1. Local Contest** – Four or five local judges choose 24 local winners (12 poster and 12 literature);
- 2. Statewide Contest** - All local winners are sent to Anchorage for the state-wide contest. Four or five independent judges select 24 statewide winners (12 poster and 12 literature) to be printed in the calendar, with the Grand Prize winners on the cover;
- 3. Managers' Prime Picks** - The manager of each local participating refuge or office without a state-wide winner selects one representative from that region to be published in the calendar;
- 4. All Entries** - Every student that submits an entry receives a "Certificate of Appreciation" from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Judges will be looking at: Use of language, expression of theme, enjoyable to read, original concept, and biological accuracy.

Rules:

1. K-12 students (public, private or home schooled) residing in villages in or adjacent to the North Slope Borough and the following National Wildlife Refuges: Alaska Maritime, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof, Arctic, Innoko, Izembek, Kodiak, Selawik, Tetlin, Togiak, Yukon Delta and Yukon Flats may enter.
2. All entries must be submitted to the closest U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office, Attention: Calendar Contest at (*Addresses of offices are on page 2 of the Entry Form*)
3. Check with your Refuge on appropriate due dates. Only one literature entry per student will be accepted however, students may enter both literature and poster contests.
4. Literature entries must be **typed or handwritten neatly** in black ink on 8 ½" x 11" paper. **Illegible submissions and incomplete entry forms will be disqualified.**
5. Try to limit the total number of English words to 60. If an Alaska Native language is used, an English translation must be attached to the entry. (The translation is not counted in the total number of words allowed.)
6. All entries must be original. No copying will be accepted.
7. Literature entries may be either poetry or prose and **MUST PERTAIN TO THE THEME.**
8. The purpose and spirit of the calendar is to convey **positive** conservation messages related to migratory birds found in Alaska. Literature focusing on “no hunting” or “no egging” messages is not appropriate and will be disqualified.
9. Teachers **must** review the student's writing so that misspelling and grammatical errors are corrected before submission. Misspelled or illegible words or grammatical errors will disqualify the entry.
10. Young children and/or children with disabilities may get assistance from their teachers and parents to dictate their thoughts.
11. **Page 1 of the completed, legible entry form MUST be firmly attached on the back of each entry. Illegible submissions or incomplete entry forms will be disqualified.** Parental/guardian signature is mandatory and mailing address must be included for artwork return.
12. Student's name **MUST NOT** appear on the front of the entry but **should be neatly printed on the back** just in case the entry form is accidentally separated from the art.