



# Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest & Conservation Education Program



**Junior Duck Stamp** is an annual art competition designed to **teach youth about waterfowl and wetlands**.

Students compete in four grade-level groups within their state/territory. Each state/territory “Best of Show” is sent to compete nationally where an overall winner is selected! Artwork from the national Best of Show is used to create a collector’s-edition stamp, available for \$5!

**100% of Junior Duck Stamp sales revenue goes to support environmental education for students.**

**Why participate?**  
**All birds need water!**

## Conservation

Junior Duck Stamp features waterfowl specifically, but all birds need water. **When you take part in waterfowl and wetland conservation, your effort benefits other birds too!**

## Teachers

- **Ready to use curriculums** to spark interest through science, art, math, and technology!
- Education guides for Youth, Educators, Homeschool, and Nonformal settings like youth groups.
- Online waterfowl identification guides.

## Kids

- Junior Duck Stamp is FUN!
- Learn fun, unique, and mysterious things about waterfowl and their watery habitats.
- Every student receives a certificate to recognize their work.
- Prizes are awarded to three different 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places along with 16 Honorable Mentions- *for each age group*. That’s **25 prizes per group!**

## Age Groups



K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Who can participate in Junior Duck Stamp?

All K-12 students in public, private, or home school. You can send your entry from home, school, or any community program participating!

## When is artwork Due?

All entries must be postmarked by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

## Need more info? Find:

- **Full contest rules**
- Technical requirements
- Eligible species list
- Entry Forms
- Reference Forms
- Curriculums
- Tips and recommendations
- More!



**At:** [FWS.gov/Program/Junior-Duck-Stamp/Junior-Duck-Stamp-Contest-Information](https://www.fws.gov/Program/Junior-Duck-Stamp/Junior-Duck-Stamp-Contest-Information)

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

### 1. LEARN

Choose a native North American waterfowl and learn about them and their watery habitat needs.

### 2. SHOW OFF WHAT YOU LEARNED

Paint, draw, or create any other non-digital 9” x 12” artwork to show what you’ve learned about waterfowl and their habitats!

### 3. WIN

Fill out an entry form; Grades 7-12: fill out a visual reference form, too.

Now mail your artwork and forms to your state JDS Program Coordinator!

## Junior Duck Stamp Coordinators



# Junior Duck Stamp Program Conservation and Design Contest Entry Form

<http://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program.php>

**Group (Check One)** Group I  Grades K-3 Group II  Grades 4-6 Group III  Grades 7-9 Group IV  Grades 10-12

## Student Information Please print clearly

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Residence Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_

Does student have a Social Security Number? **Yes/No**  
VISA Immigration Number? **Yes/No**  
Is student a Foreign Exchange Student? **Yes/No**

## Entry Information

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Species of bird (from permitted species list) \_\_\_\_\_

Medium and Style Used (e.g., acrylic, colored pencil, realistic, abstract, ethnic, pop, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

## Conservation Message

Write a message explaining what you have learned about wetland conservation and the importance of conserving habitat for wildlife, or why conservation is important to you. Sample messages on website.

## Supervising Adult / Teacher: Please fill in the following information (Print Clearly)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

School / Studio / Organization / Troop Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Please check one of the following:  Parent  Teacher  Counselor  Troop Leader  Other

**Supervising Adult:** Fill in the STATE RECEIVING SITE address here (before duplicating)  
**Participants:** Mail your art to the address listed under your local JDS coordinator.

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## Before Mailing Please Remember to:

- Read the Annual Contest Brochure.
- Prepare entry as a horizontal design on 9"x 12" media no more than 1/4" thick.
- Fill out the Entry Form completely with all required information.
- Check contact phone numbers for accuracy.
- Have student, parent, and supervising adult sign the Entry Form.
- Affix the Entry Form to the back of the entry.
- Include a completed Reference Form.
- Confirm the address of your STATE RECEIVING SITE.
- Postmark Entries by your State Deadline. The following states have special due dates: CA and MD - Feb 1; MA, OK and WA - Feb 15; ID, ME, MO, NV, OH, RI, UT, and VA - Mar 1. All other states, territories and D.C. postmark by March 15.

## If you have questions please contact your state coordinator.

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service collects information necessary to consider your submission for the Junior Duck Stamp Contest. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reject your submission. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0172. We estimate public reporting for this collection of information to average 20 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 3275 Leesburg Pike, MS: FRB (JAO/SW), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803; or via email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please do not send your completed form to this address.

## AUTHENTICITY AND LIABILITY STATEMENT

Do not copy the work of others. Plagiarism is serious. Students, parents, and teachers do not sign this entry form without reading the following statement and referring to the Annual Contest Brochure:

I have read and understand the rules on submitting unique artwork and hereby certify that this is my original work and not copied or traced from published photos, magazines, books, illustrations, other artists' published works, or other materials protected by copyright laws. I understand that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other sponsors are not responsible for loss or damage to my artwork. I grant exclusive rights to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its designees to use, alter, copy, publish, and display my artwork for reproduction and promotional purposes as they see fit without compensation to me, including the use of my photograph if taken at a related Junior Duck Stamp Program function or submitted to a state or national coordinator. I further understand that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has the exclusive right to disqualify any entry whose authenticity is questionable.

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Supervising Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Supervising Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_