



*Connecting Youth
with Nature through
Science and Art*

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2016-2017 Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program and Art Contest



2016 National First Place Winner

Stacy Chen, 16, California
Ross's Goose, Color Pencil

Top Placing Entries from the 2016 Art Contest



2016 National Second Place
Sarah Clayton, 18, Ohio
Ring-Necked Duck, Oil



2016 National Third Place
Chase Mascaro, 18, Louisiana
Hooded Merganser, Color Pencil



2016 National Fourth Place
Justas Varpuncanskis, 18, Illinois
King Eider, Oil

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2016 National Fifth Place
Karlis Morales-Tirado, 14, Puerto Rico
Mallard, Watercolor



2016 National Top Ten
Marina Boiku, 16, Colorado
Northern Pintail, Acrylic



2016 National Top Ten
Megan Zou, 15, Florida
Tundra Swan, Oil

Connecting Youth with Nature through Science and Art

The Junior Duck Stamp Program is a dynamic arts and science curriculum designed to teach youth about waterfowl and their habitat needs. It works with today's youth to build a lifelong appreciation for wildlife and explore wildlife conservation needs. Using scientific and wildlife observation principles, the Program encourages students in kindergarten through high school to observe, understand, and ultimately share what they have learned about waterfowl conservation. By creating a unique art entry for their state's Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest, a student's learning progression can be assessed.

Greater Awareness and Appreciation for Natural Resources

On June 30, 1993, during the First Day of Sale Ceremony for the Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp), judges selected the national first, second, and third place Junior Duck Stamp artwork. The first Federal Junior Duck Stamp design winner was Jason Parsons from Canton, Illinois. His design, featuring a redhead, was used to create the first Junior Duck Stamp. Since that year, with each national contest, a new design has been selected.



1993-94 The First Junior Duck Stamp
USFWS / Jason Parsons

Proceeds from the sale of the \$5 stamp are invested into the Junior Duck Stamp Program to support conservation education and provide recognition for contest participants and winners. Your support of the Program can be demonstrated by purchasing and collecting these colorful pieces of artwork. See <<http://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program/buy-junior-duck-stamps.php>> for more information on supporting young artists and conservationists.

More than a Contest

The Program crosses cultural, ethnic, social, and geographic boundaries to teach greater awareness of, and increase respect and appreciation for, natural resources. The non-traditional pairing of science and visual art strives to initiate curiosity in both subjects. Students are provided an opportunity to artistically express their knowledge of the diversity, interdependence, and beauty of wildlife. Program activities often include a visit to a wildlife area. National wildlife refuges become a prime destination, not only for observing wildlife, but also for the hands-on educational experiences available at many visitor centers. Hands-on learning techniques help students learn fundamental principles of waterfowl anatomy and environmental science concepts while preparing their art entry.



2016 National Top Ten
Natalie Fletcher, 15, Mississippi
Red-breasted Merganser, Acrylic



2016 National Top Ten
Tessa Nelson, 17, Vermont
Wood Duck, Color Pencil



2016 National Top Ten
Adam Novey, 15, Wisconsin
Mallard, Acrylic

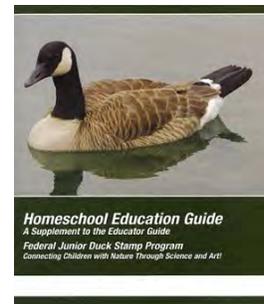
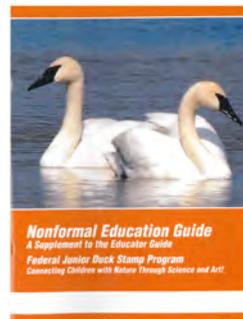
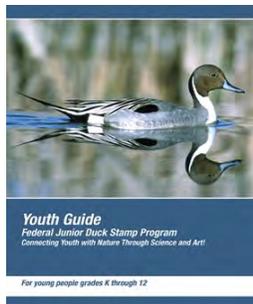
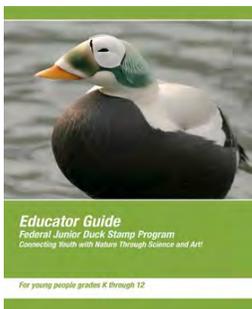
Curriculum

The Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program seeks to provide a conservation education experience that will engage and inspire youth. The Program is designed to spark interest in habitat conservation through science, art, math, and technology. To achieve this, the curriculum has been modernized to make it more relevant to students and educators in today's world. Written, field-tested, and evaluated by classroom and homeschool teachers, environmental educators, and biologists, the new curriculum includes elements such as using the Internet as a conservation tool and provides new scientific information about today's conservation challenges such as climate change and its impact on wetland habitat.

The foundational Youth and Educator guides provide lesson plans and exercises focusing on scientific principles and our changing natural world. Targeted at students in grades 5-8, the curriculum is relevant across cultures and encourages students to engage with their natural world to develop a deeper appreciation of natural resources. Activities stress wildlife observation, nature journaling, enjoying and exploring the outside world, and investigating the treasures of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Activities also incorporate information to stimulate students' interest in careers in natural resources.

In addition, we now offer conservation education tools designed for use in homeschool settings and community after school programs and other youth activities. The Homeschool and Nonformal supplements contain activities that are appropriate for field trips, suggestions on development of service projects, thoughts on how to work with partners, and ways to use the Educator and Youth guides in non-classroom forums.

The new curriculum and activities meet National Science Education Standards, North American Association for Environmental Education standards, and National Visual Arts education standards for students in grades K-12.



All guides may be downloaded free of charge from the Junior Duck Stamp website at <http://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program/conservation-education-curriculum.php> or you may request a copy from your state coordinator (see list of state coordinators on pages 22-24).

Here's How the Competition Works

The Junior Duck Stamp Program curriculum can be used throughout the year and across many different grade levels and disciplines. We suggest that educators and students use the curriculum guides to direct their exploration and investigation of waterfowl, wetlands, and natural resource conservation throughout different seasons. As an assessment of what students have learned, the Junior Duck Stamp Art Competition provides an outline for a “final project” and culminates their learning for each academic year.

The actual art competition begins when students submit their artwork to their state or territory contest. At this level, students are judged in four groups according to grade level: K-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Three first, three second, and three third place entries, along with 16 honorable mentions, are selected from each age group. Contest judges select one “Best of Show” from the 12 first place winners. Each state or territory “Best of Show” is then entered in the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest which occurs in April.

To further the interdisciplinary goals of the Program, students are encouraged to include an original conservation message along with their artwork. The message should explain something about what the student has learned about wetlands, conservation, or waterfowl and wildlife. It may also be a statement encouraging others to learn about and participate in conservation.

In some states, the conservation messages are judged separately to determine a winner, which is submitted to the national contest. Otherwise, at the national level, the conservation messages accompanying each Best of Show art entry are judged and a winner chosen.

Special Information for Supervising Adults

Please read the following carefully. Adults, please explain and discuss with your students the rules of this competition (and how they may differ from those of other contests and art projects), the criteria upon which their artwork will be judged, and the ethics of art.

Their entry into the art contest can be treated as a final assessment of what your student has learned about waterfowl, their habitat needs, wildlife conservation, and principles of visual art design.

Although your students may have learned and further perfected their skills in different art technique by copying a well known drawing or someone else's photograph, this is not allowed in this contest. Students should express what they have learned about waterfowl and wetlands by developing their own ideas. We want them to portray what they have learned about their chosen species by creating their own visual conservation message.

Preparing for the Art Contest

As a participant in the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Art Contest, students will create their vision of the colorful, winged waterfowl that grace wetlands across North America. To do this, they should study these beautiful creatures – reading about them, reviewing pictures and other images, and even watching videos of their behavior. Hopefully, students will have opportunities to observe wildlife in their natural habitat at a national wildlife refuge, a park in their community, or even their own backyard.

Students will visually express what they have learned about the species they have chosen to depict. Students will show what they have discovered about the species' anatomy and unique characteristics, demonstrated that they have observed waterfowl behavior, explored waterfowl habitats, and investigated conservation challenges facing ducks, geese, and swans.

Scenes should depict North American waterfowl in their natural habitat. Students are encouraged to illustrate aquatic vegetation, trees, and plants appropriate for the depicted species' natural habitat. For example, sea ducks could be shown in ocean areas; mallards may be depicted with cattails or similar pond vegetation. Feather colors should be appropriate to the time of the year demonstrated by the environment in the painting.

Decoratively designed birds receive equal voting consideration as realistic depictions, as long as they are anatomically correct and recognizable.

Aesthetic Criteria

Use the following questions to help students understand the meaning of aesthetic criteria and how to apply the criteria when developing their own illustrations:

Form: Is the waterfowl anatomically accurate?

Texture: Are the textures visually and physically appropriate to the species of waterfowl chosen?

Line: Are the details necessary, correct, and effective?

Colors: Are the colors appropriate to the selected species and surrounding habitat? Does the illustration accurately depict the species of waterfowl in plumage, habitat, and season, in a realistic or decorative depiction of the bird or birds?

Scale: Is the visual statement appropriate for a 1½" × 2" stamp or will details in the illustration be lost when reduced in size?

Shape: Is the design suited to a horizontal, rectangular stamp shape?

Clarity of Visual Symbolism: Does the illustration communicate the purpose of the stamp and can the elements of the illustration be easily identified?

Spatial Divisions: Are there negative and positive areas within the illustration and do they work together?

Original Student Design and Artwork

Educators and parents should not approve any student's work if they have any doubt as to its authenticity or originality. Copyright infringement is a serious issue and you are responsible for helping your student avoid plagiarism. By signing the entry form the student, parent, and supervising educator are all stating that the entry is the student's own original creation and idea and does not violate another person's property rights.

Students in all grade groups should review the original design requirements on page 8.

Contest Deadlines

Artwork with entry and reference forms must be postmarked by midnight of your state's deadline. See deadlines under your state coordinator's contact information on pages 22-24.

Send entries and forms to your state's Junior Duck Stamp State Coordinator (see pages 22-24 for contact information).

Students should send their artwork to their state of legal residence (if different from the state of their school.) For students attending school abroad, send the entry to the coordinator in the state of the student's legal residence.

DO NOT send any entries to the Federal Duck Stamp Office. Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest entry and reference forms are available on pages 18-21 or for download from the Junior Duck Stamp website at <http://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program/junior-duck-stamp-contest-information.php>.

Who May Participate?

K-12 students attending public, private, tribal, or home schools, or non-formal education groups and after school groups in the United States and U.S. Territories are eligible to enter.

U.S. citizens attending schools abroad may enter through their legal state of residence.

Students must be U.S. citizens, resident aliens, or nationals.

A valid Social Security number or Visa number is required for the award of monetary prizes. (see "Proof of U.S. Residency" section).

In the case of foreign exchange students, their artwork may be judged at the state level, but if awarded State Best of Show, the entry will not be forwarded for entry into the national contest.

A student who won first place in the national Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest the preceding year may not submit an entry in the current year's contest.

Only one entry per student.

Art Contest Rules

Original Artwork Requirement and Artistic Integrity

Students, you may not reproduce another artist's visual images and present them as your own creative artwork.

Only work that is your unique creation should be entered into competition.

Do not submit work that has been directly or indirectly copied from any source. Your entry must be your own creation and idea.

Do not copy or trace any part of someone else's photo or artwork – whether published or unpublished -- onto your drawing.

This is important for this contest as any copied, traced, or plagiarized paintings **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

You may rely on others' images as guides when developing your work. This can be helpful especially if multiple references are used to develop a more complete understanding of the species represented in your entry. However, others' images may be used for reference only.

Change enough of the elements so that you cannot easily identify which images you used as references when you look at your creation. More tips for using references are presented on pages 14-16.

All reference images must be recorded on the Reference Form. Although only students in grades 7-12 are required to submit the Reference Form, all students are encouraged to document the reference images they use (see Reference Form on page 19 or 21) as they may be requested and checked by the state or national coordinator prior to competition.

Educators and parents should not approve any student's work if they have any doubt as to its authenticity or originality. By signing the entry form the student, parent, and supervising educator are stating that entry is the student's own original creation and idea.

Permitted Species

Art entries should feature one of the native North American species listed below. Contact your State Coordinator with questions regarding this permitted species list. **Note: Mute swans are not a permitted species.**

Whistling-Ducks

- Black-bellied Whistling-Duck
(*Dendrocygna autumnalis*)
- Fulvous Whistling-Duck
(*Dendrocygna bicolor*)

Swans

- Trumpeter Swan
(*Cygnus buccinator*)
- Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*)

Geese

- Greater White-fronted Goose
(*Anser albifrons*)
- Emperor Goose (*Chen canagica*)
- Snow Goose, including blue phase
(*Chen caerulescens*)
- Ross's Goose (*Chen rossii*)
- Brant (*Branta bernicla*)
- Cackling Goose (*Branta hutchinsii*)
- Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)

Dabbling Ducks

- Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*)
- Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)
- American Wigeon (*Anas americana*)
- American Black Duck
(*Anas rubripes*)
- Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)
- Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*)
- Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)
- Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*)
- Northern Shoveler (*Anas clypeata*)
- Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*)
- Green-winged Teal (*Anas crecca*)

Diving Ducks

- Canvasback (*Aythya valisineria*)
- Redhead (*Aythya americana*)
- Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*)
- Greater Scaup (*Aythya marila*)
- Lesser Scaup (*Aythya affinis*)

Sea Ducks

- Steller's Eider (*Polysticta stelleri*)
- Spectacled Eider (*Somateria fisheri*)
- Common Eider
(*Somateria mollissima*)
- King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*)
- Harlequin Duck
(*Histrionicus histrionicus*)
- Surf Scoter (*Melanitta perspicillata*)
- White-winged Scoter
(*Melanitta fusca*)
- Black Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*)
- Long-tailed Duck
(*Clangula hyemalis*)
- Bufflehead (*Bucephala albeola*)
- Common Goldeneye
(*Bucephala clangula*)
- Barrow's Goldeneye
(*Bucephala islandica*)

Mergansers

- Hooded Merganser
(*Lophodytes cucullatus*)
- Common Merganser
(*Mergus merganser*)
- Red-breasted Merganser
(*Mergus serrator*)

Stiff-tailed Ducks

- Masked Duck (*Oxyura dominica*)
- Ruddy Duck (*Oxyura jamaicensis*)

Hawaiian Species

- Nene (*Branta sandvicensis*)
- Koloa (*Anas wyvilliana*)
- Laysan Duck (*Anas laysanensis*)

Technical Requirements for Design and Submission of an Entry

Please read and follow the rules below. Failure to follow these and other rules will lead to disqualification of artwork.

The physical size of submitted artwork must be 9" x 12".

Entries must be less than 1/4" thick.

Image layout must be horizontal.

Image must be a live portrayal of a native North American duck, swan, or goose (refer to eligible species list on page 9).

An entry may be multi-color, black and white, or a single color; it may be rendered in ink, paint, pastel, crayon, or pencil. Techniques may include scratch-board, airbrush, linoleum printing, paper collage, dry brush, crosshatch, pointillism, etc. No photography or computer generated art is accepted.

Design entries must be the contestant's **original, hand-illustrated creation** and may not be traced or copied from photographs or other artists' works. (See tips for using references on pages 14-16.)

Photographs taken by the student may be used as references in the development of the design. (See tips for using references on pages 14-16.)

No lettering, words, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the artwork as they may influence judges and can interfere with the final stamp design.

Entries may not be matted or framed.

There should be no border around the image.

Before mailing, please remember to attach (tape) the signed entry form to the back of entry. Include completed Reference Form with entry.

Proof of U.S. Residency

Students planning to enter the contest must be citizens of the United States or U.S. Territories, or have an official Immigration Visa or green card as proof of legal residency. A valid Social Security number or Visa number is required for the award of monetary prizes. Teachers, parents, and guardians should check to make sure all students who enter are U.S. citizens or legal residents in this country. Students may be required to provide their Social Security or Visa number prior to judging in the state or national contest.

When Submitting Your Artwork

Please ship your entry to your state coordinator with adequate support and cushioning to ensure art is properly protected in transit.

A loose, detachable cover sheet may be laid over the art face to protect it during shipping.

Chalk and pastel entries should be sprayed with a fixative to eliminate possible scuffing and smudging during transfer of artwork.

Make sure that your painting is completely dry prior to submitting it.

Conservation Message

Each student is encouraged, but not required, to write a short conservation message that expresses the spirit of what they have learned through classroom discussions, research, and planning for their Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest entry. Please limit the length of the conservation message to the space provided on the entry form. These messages must also be the student's own work and should not be someone else's quote.

Use and Authorizations

By participating in the Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest, each student, supervising adult, and legal guardian acknowledges the following rights and authorities and willingly agrees to each of these conditions.

The Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

Reserves the exclusive right to authorize the reproduction of the national first-place winning design on stamps and various licensed products, and to photograph the winning stamp design without compensation to the student.

Has the right to use the name, artwork, and photographs of the student for promotional purposes without compensation to the student.

May disqualify any entry submitted to the Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest that has the appearance of a plagiarized submission.

Will not insure the entries it receives or be responsible for loss or damage of the entries. In the event of an address change, it is the student's responsibility to inform the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of this change. Artwork unclaimed after one year from the date of the contest may be destroyed. Students are encouraged to keep their own digital copy for their portfolio.

May send artwork on tour around the United States. Artwork on tour may be handled by a third party.

Requires that the winning artist provide autographs on Junior Duck Stamps and Junior Duck Stamp products without charge to the public or the Federal Government.

Judging

All judging will be open to the general public.

Recognition and prizes will vary from state to state; however, all entrants will receive certificates of participation, and winners will receive special recognition. Teachers and supervising adults are encouraged to submit artwork and conservation messages from every participant and to work with their State Coordinator to ensure every participant receives a certificate.

Artwork entries will be judged on the basis of original design, anatomical accuracy, artistic composition and suitability for reproduction on a 1½” by 2” stamp.

At the state level, judging will continue until awards have been allocated for first, second, and third place, plus honorable mentions. For each state, district, or territory, there will be up to 100 awards: 12 first places, 12 second places, 12 third places, and up to 64 honorable mentions. One student’s design will be selected from the 12 first place winners as “Best of Show.” Notification of winners will be made as soon as possible.

One conservation message per state is judged at the national level. Many states submit the “Best of Show” winner’s conservation message, while other states have separate judging to choose the winning conservation message. For more information regarding your state’s conservation message contest, please contact your State Coordinator.

National Level Scholarships

National First Place	\$1000
National Second Place	\$500
National Third Place	\$200
National Conservation Message First Place	\$200

In acknowledgment of the integral part parents play in education and in the future of our nation’s youth, the national winner and one parent or guardian will receive a free trip to participate in the First Day of Sale ceremony for the Federal and Junior duck stamps, held in late June/early July.

Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial: 1916-2016

Why celebrate the Migratory Bird Treaty?

2016 marked the centennial of the Convention between the United States and Great Britain (Canada) for the protection of Migratory Birds (also called the Migratory Bird Treaty), which was signed on August 16, 1916. This was the first treaty to protect birds from market hunters, poachers, and others who had used migratory birds for their commercial gains.

Be part of the celebration and do your part to help our feathered friends! Get involved in the Junior Duck Stamp program. Take photos of birds and share these inspiring images with your friends on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Together, we can inspire the next 100 years of international collaboration for bird conservation!

Display of Winning Artwork

Each state, district, or territory “Best of Show” entry will be displayed at the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, First Day of Sale Ceremony, waterfowl festivals, wildlife museums, and galleries throughout the United States. The art is returned to the student the following year in May, after the next National Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. The national art tour schedule is posted on the Federal Duck Stamp Website at <http://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/federal-duck-stamp-art-exhibit-tour.php>. State Coordinators may also choose to tour the top winning state artwork. Please check with State Coordinators for state tour schedule.

Return of Entries

For questions regarding your artwork, please contact your State Coordinator (see pages 22-24 for contact information). State Coordinators will attempt to return all entries to the students or schools. In some areas, teachers will be notified to pick up the work at a central location. State non-winning entries will be returned by June 1. In many states, the winning art will go on tour and will be returned up to 1 year after the state contest date.

In the event that a student moves, it is their responsibility to contact their State Coordinator as soon as possible. If artwork is unclaimed, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will not be obligated to trace the location of the artist to return the artwork. All unclaimed entries may be destroyed 1 year from the date of the contest. Every effort will be made to safely return artwork to the students, however, artwork cannot be insured against theft, loss or damage.

Tips on the Use of References

Student, as a participant in the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Contest, you will create your vision of the colorful, winged waterfowl that grace wetlands across North America. To do this, you will study these beautiful creatures, reviewing pictures, images, or video. Perhaps you will even have the opportunity to observe wildlife in their natural habitat at a national wildlife refuge, a park in your community, or your own backyard.

Some Tips on How to Avoid Copying and Plagiarism

Do not copy or trace any part of someone else's photo or artwork – whether published or unpublished -- onto your drawing. Copied, traced or plagiarized paintings **WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**. This is a very important rule and the tips below will help you to avoid being disqualified.

What do we mean by plagiarism and copying? Plagiarism is when you deliberately take someone else's work, don't acknowledge the source, and claim it as your own. Copying is when you imitate or reproduce someone else's work and make an exact or almost exact duplicate of it. If you duplicate someone else's work, you have copied them and, in this contest, we do not want you to do that.

Why are copying and plagiarism against the rules? Plagiarism is dishonest because you are not giving credit to somebody else's creation. Copying is stealing someone else's artwork and it limits you as an artist. You would not be allowed to copy someone else on a term paper; artwork has the same rules - we want to see YOUR creation, not someone else's.

We provide the Reference Form and require (if you are in Grades 7-12 (Groups III or IV)) or encourage (if you are younger) you to use it in order to help you follow this rule. Citing your references is a good habit to learn, and it makes it easier to show where you found your ideas or learned a specific technique. You may be asked to show or provide these reference before your artwork can be judged.

By properly filling out the Reference Form and reporting all the reference materials that you used to create your artwork, you acknowledge where your ideas come from. You can find more tips to fill out the Reference Form on page 17.

You may not copy someone else's photograph or artwork - even if you don't think it is copyrighted or published or even if you have permission to use it. You must develop your own creation. Often it is difficult to come up with ideas, so where should you start?

There are many different ideas and viewpoints on what makes a student's work original and authentic. The following are suggestions for you to follow that may help you be more creative and develop your unique masterpiece for this contest. Do not stop at your current level of skill - challenge yourself to try a different method, use a different media, or try a different subject.

Go outside and observe waterfowl around your backyard, your neighborhood, a national wildlife refuge, or park. Investigate and explore their habitat, behavior, and anatomy. Take your own photographs and draw your own sketches based on what you observe.

How will you incorporate visual art elements (color, texture, shape, etc.)? How will you express what you know about the principles of design and composition (balance, pattern, unity, etc.)? What visual effects (such as motion and depth) can you use to make an impression on the viewer?

Although many of us may have learned to draw by copying a well known drawing or someone else's photograph, this is not allowed in this Art Contest - we want you express what YOU have learned about waterfowl and wetlands. We want you to be creative in developing your ideas and take what you have learned and create your own visual waterfowl message. While technical skill is important we are interested in your creative work.

You may find a picture that inspires you and you want to try to imitate that picture. However, you may not copy someone else's picture when creating your own design. Even if the picture belongs to someone who gives you permission to use it, do not copy it.

You may also look at past duck stamps for ideas and inspiration - but again, do not copy them.

You may also look at photos from books, magazines, or the internet, or photos taken by someone else to study the coloring, feathers, or anatomy of different species of ducks, geese and swans.

Consider how photographers and other artists compose their masterpieces. Do you like the species of waterfowl or its setting? Is the animal displaying some interesting behavior? What inspires you about their artwork that you would like to share in your creation?

If using a reference source, change it to fit your style and ideas. If you see a painting of a scene of ducks on a log, go find your own log and your own duck reference, change the species and setting, make it your own idea based on the work of another that inspired you.

Extensively change the "attitude" of the duck for your creation. For example, if the duck's head is upright, draw it facing down as if it is drinking water, or turn the angle of the duck's head. If the duck in the photo is in profile, draw the bird as if it is turning its body at a different angle. If the photo of the duck is in overall sunlight, change and paint the bird with a "sidelight." If the duck is swimming on blue water in a published photo, paint or draw your own water ripples and make it greenish in color.

Take decoys or taxidermy mounts and place them in various settings. (Decoys may be depicted in your entry but a live waterfowl must be the dominant feature in the work.)

Collect aquatic plants, leaves, and bark to study and make sketches of these materials.

Develop your own waterfowl sketchbooks and photo albums and fill them with ideas and different compositions and layouts of waterfowl and their habitats.

When you are ready to start painting from your sketches, we recommend you use a grid method to transfer your design onto your drawing board.

Your artwork should not be easily recognized as coming from any particular source. Remember, copying anyone else's art limits you as an artist. You will grow more as an artist by trying different techniques, angles, and backgrounds in your design. When someone views your artwork they should not be able to recognize the reference you used to create it.

Example of How to Use a Reference Image

Visual Reference

2004 Federal Duck Stamp



Improper Use of Reference

This illustration would be disqualified.



Both by Dominic Dropnik / USFWS

This is an **improper** use of the reference. This is a nearly identical copy of the 2004 Federal Duck Stamp and would be disqualified.

Proper Use of Reference

This illustration could be entered.



This is a proper use of the reference. Study the differences between the stamp and this drawing. The snow goose is featured in a different flight angle. Additional features in the stamp, such as the lighthouse, have been omitted. What other differences do you see?

Make it original. Make it your own!

Artistic Reference Form

You should explore your own sense of creativity while producing your original wildlife artwork. The Reference Form is where you will record the images, books, or objects you studied to create your original artwork.

Filling in Your Reference Form

For students in Grades 7-12 (Groups III and IV), you must include this Reference Form with your entry or your entry will be disqualified.

Reference all sources.

Include as much information as possible (see examples below).

Reference Examples

Published References:

Must include full name of author, photographer or editor; title of the publication and page number(s). Example: Mueller, Keith. Waterfowl Concepts. Pages 6, 32, 54, 112.

References Not Found in a Book:

Such as personal observations or photographs: must include full name of observer or photographer, species, date, and location. Example: Herman, Amber, Mallards, Mississippi River, Davenport, Iowa, May 2007.

Images from the Internet:

Must include photographer or artist's full name, and full website address. Example: Sevcik, Jan, www.naturephoto-cz.com/photos/sevcik/mallard—anas-platyrhyncos-5.jpg

Other Sources:

Provide as much identifying information as possible.

All students in grades 7-12 must submit the Reference Form along with your entry. You may attach the Reference Form to your artwork or include it in the envelope with your entry, or give it to your teacher to send along with your artwork. Students in grade groups I and II are encouraged to work with their teacher or parent to complete the Reference Form, but are not required to submit it with their entry. All students are encouraged to include their reference materials (or copies thereof) with their entry.



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

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Student Information *Please print clearly*

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

Home/Residence Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box) _____ Email _____

City _____ State (_____) _____ Zip Code (_____) _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Daytime Phone _____ and _____ Cell Phone _____

Does student have a Social Security or VISA Immigration Number? **Yes/No**

Is student a Foreign Exchange Student? **Yes/No**

Entry Information

Title _____ Species of bird (from permitted species list) _____

Medium Used (i.e. acrylic, colored pencil) _____

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 this address.

Before Mailing Please Remember to:

- Read the 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: SC - Jan 10; MD - Feb 1; MA and NJ - Feb 15; MO, OH, D.C. and VA - Mar 1. All other states and territories postmark by March 15.

If you have questions please contact your state coordinator.

AUTHENTICITY AND LIABILITY STATEMENT

DO NOT COPY THE WORK OF OTHERS. PLAGIARISM IS SERIOUS!

STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS, DO NOT SIGN ENTRY FORM WITHOUT READING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

I hereby certify that this is my original work **and not copied or traced from published photos, magazines, books, illustrations, 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 _____



Hoja de inscripción para el concurso de conservación y diseño "Junior Duck Stamp"

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

Para Uso Oficial

Grupo (Elegir uno) Grupo I Grupo II Grupo III Grupo IV
Grados K-3 Grados 4-6 Grados 7-9 Grados 10-12

Información del Estudiante Favor completar en letra de molde legible

Nombre	Apellido	Edad
Dirección postal (Calle o P.O. Box)	Correo Electrónico	
Ciudad	Estado	Código Postal
Nombre del Padre	Teléfono del Padre (diurno)	

Información de la obra de arte

Título	Especie de Ave (de la lista de especies permitidas)
Medio Usado (ej. acrílico, lápices de color)	

Mensaje de conservación

Escriba un mensaje acerca de lo que has aprendido sobre la conservación de los humedales y la importancia de conservar el hábitat para la vida silvestre, o por qué la conservación es importante para ti. En la página cibernética se encuentra algunos ejemplos.

Consejero Adulto / Profesor: Favor de proveer la siguiente información (en letra de molde legible)

Nombre	Apellido		
Nombre de Escuela/Estudio/Organización/Tropa	Teléfono (diurno)		
Dirección postal	Ciudad	Estado	Código Postal
Correo Electrónico			
Favor de elegir uno: <input type="checkbox"/> Padre <input type="checkbox"/> Profesor <input type="checkbox"/> Consejero <input type="checkbox"/> Líder de tropa <input type="checkbox"/> Otro			

Consejeros: Escribir la dirección postal del coordinador estatal aquí (antes de duplicar)

Participantes: Enviar su obra de arte a ésta dirección

Antes de enviar por correo, recuerde lo siguiente:

- Leer el contenido del folleto sobre el concurso.
- Realizar su obra en forma horizontal con las medidas de 9"x12" y no más de 1/4" de grueso.
- Completar la hoja de inscripción. Verificar los números de teléfonos para evitar errores. Todo estudiante, padre y consejero adulto favor de firmar la hoja de inscripción. Completar y enviar la hoja de referencia.
- Confirmar la dirección del coordinador estatal.
- Enviar los materiales por correo no más tardar del 15 de marzo (South Carolina - 10 de enero; Maryland - 1 de febrero; Massachusetts y New Jersey - 15 de febrero; Missouri, Ohio, D.C. y Virginia - 1 de marzo).
- De tener preguntas, favor llamar o enviar un correo electrónico a su coordinador estatal.

Declaración de Autenticidad y Certificación

No copiar trabajo de otros. ¡El plagio es algo serio!

Estudiantes, padres y profesores, favor de revisar la siguiente declaración antes de firmar.

Certifico que la obra de arte adjunta es mi trabajo original. No fue copiada ni calcada de fotos publicadas en libros, revistas, ilustraciones, trabajos artísticos publicados u otros materiales protegidos por derecho de autor (copyright). Entiendo que el Servicio de Pesca y Vida Silvestre de EE.UU y otros patrocinadores no son responsables de la pérdida o el daño de mi obra de arte. Concedo los derechos exclusivos al Servicio de Pesca y Vida Silvestre de EE.UU y sus designados para usar, alterar, copiar, publicar y exhibir mi obra de arte para reproducción y propósitos de promoción a su discreción y sin pago a mí, incluyendo el uso de mi fotografía si es tomada en funciones relacionadas al programa "Junior Duck Stamp" o si es sometida a un coordinador nacional o estatal. Además entiendo que el Servicio de Pesca y Vida Silvestre de EE.UU tiene el derecho exclusivo de descalificar cualquier obra cuya autenticidad esté cuestionable.

Firma del Estudiante _____	Fecha _____
Firma del Padre _____	Fecha _____
Firma de Profesor _____	Fecha _____

¿Como se entero del Concurso Junior Duck Stamp?

Escuela Escuela de Arte Padre/Tutor Exposición de Arte
Amigo Internet Otro _____

Concurso de conservación y diseño "Junior Duck Stamp"

Hoja de Referencia



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

Los estudiantes de los grupos III y IV tienen que completar y enviar esta hoja de referencia junto a su obra de arte para participar en el concurso "Junior Duck Stamp".

Recuerde, los recursos visuales son materiales de referencia y NO pueden ser copiados.

Grupos (elegir uno)	Grupo I Grados K-3	Grupo II Grados 4-6	Grupo III Grados 7-9	Grupo IV Grados 10-12
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Información del estudiante *(Favor completar en letra de molde legible)*

Estado – Nombre, Apellido

Información sobre las referencias

Mientras creaba su obra de arte para participar en este curso, revisó múltiples recursos visuales. Favor anotar los recursos utilizados para su creación en el siguiente espacio.

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2. _____
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Para más información sobre esta Hoja de Referencia, visite

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Two Types of Federal Duck Stamps

The Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, or "Duck Stamp" was created in 1934 to help fund the purchase and conservation of our nation's wetlands. While anyone can purchase a Duck Stamp, it is a required purchase for waterfowl hunters 16 and older. A current Duck Stamp can also serve as an entrance pass to national wildlife refuges where entrance fees are charged. Many conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts, stamp collectors and wildlife art lovers also buy them.

Sales of Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$850 million to acquire more than 6.5 million acres of wetlands in the United States. These conservation lands are managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System. Benefits of having a nearby refuge include economic and aesthetic support to local communities. Students can find many opportunities to observe waterfowl and see wetland habitat on national wildlife refuges. For more information about refuges visit: www.fws.gov/refuges.

The Junior Duck Stamp was modeled after the Federal Duck Stamp. Since 2000, the Program has received more than 425,000 contest entries. Many other students have not submitted entries but participated through the educational curriculum in their classrooms, nonformal education settings or on national wildlife refuges.

More than \$1.25 million in Junior Duck Stamp proceeds have been used to provide recognition, incentives, and scholarships to participating students, teachers and schools. The Program continues to educate youth about land stewardship and the importance of connecting to their natural worlds.

If you want to help perpetuate and grow the Junior Duck Stamp Program so that it can continue providing students in K-12 a conservation through the arts education, you should consider purchasing and collecting the \$5 stamp.

Where to Buy Duck Stamps

Federal Duck Stamps are sold for \$25 in many U.S. Post Offices, sporting goods stores, online at www.duckstamps.com, and at many national wildlife refuges. Additionally, anyone can purchase stamps, no matter where they live or whether or not they hunt, through any of the states that sell e-stamps as part of their online hunting license sale sites. Ninety-eight percent of the sale price goes directly to conserving wildlife habitat used by ducks, geese, swans, and many other species of wildlife.

Junior Duck Stamps are also sold online through the U.S. Postal Service and at www.duckstamps.com. You can also ask your local national wildlife refuge if they carry them. All of the proceeds from the sale of Junior Duck Stamps goes back into the Program to support student art and conservation education.

Check <http://www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/buy-duck-stamp.php> for more information on where to buy Federal and Junior duck stamps.

2016 State Entries into Federal Contest



Alabama
Annie Zhang, 17
Cinnamon Teal



Alaska
Annina Hagedorn, 16
Snow Goose



Arizona
Brandon Wu, 17
Northern Pintail



Arkansas
Ivy Westmoreland, 15
Cinnamon Teal



California
Stacy Shen, 16
Snow Goose - National Winner



Colorado
Marina Boiko, 16
Northern Pintail - Top 10



Connecticut
Sopie Archer, 12
Spectacled Eider - Top 25



Delaware
Iris Fang, 11
Northern Pintail



Florida
Megan Zou, 15
Tundra Swan - Top 10



Georgia
Rayen Kang, 16
Hooded Merganser



Hawaii
Ezikiel Lacanienta-Contreras, 10,
Nene (Hawaiian Goose)



Idaho
Nicholas Maybon, 18
Redhead - Top 25



Illinois
Justas Varpucanskis, 18
King Eider - 4th Place



Indiana
Larissa Weber, 15
Black-Bellied Whistling Duck



Iowa
Rae Clinkenbeard, 17
Hooded Merganser - Top 25



Kansas
Heather Woelagel, 16
Harlequin Duck - Top 25



Kentucky
Grace Sparrow, 15
Northern Shoveler



Louisiana
Chase Mascaro, 18
Hooded Merganser - 3rd Place



Maine
Noel Stormann, 13
Ruddy Duck



Massachusetts
Carol Liu, 14
Canada Goose



Maryland
Kathy Liu, 11
Hooded Merganser - Top 25



Michigan
Xiaolin Yuan, 17
Snow Goose



Minnesota
Eugene Lee, 17
Bufflehead - Top 25



Mississippi
Natalie Fletcher, 16
Red-breasted Merganser -
Top 10



Missouri
Amber Bokern, 15
Redhead - Top 25



Montana
Carson Collinsworth, 18
Harlequin Duck



Nebraska
Creighton Scott, 16
King Eider



Nevada
Santiago LaRochelle, 14
Canvasback



New Hampshire
Isabelle Kapoian, 17
Trumpeter Swan



New Jersey
Ashley Yae, 15
Wood Duck



New Mexico
Lily Zhang, 13
Wood Duck



New York
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Long-tailed Duck



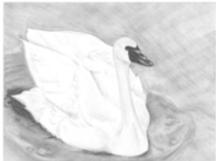
North Carolina
Mary Spencer Roberson, 13
Snow Goose



North Dakota
Cassidy Fulton, 18
American Wigeon



Ohio
Sarah Clayton, 18
Ring-necked Duck - 2nd Place



Oklahoma
Madison Kirkland 15,
Trumpeter Swan



Oregon
Martha Nguyen, 16
Harlequin Duck - Top 25



Pennsylvania
Maggie Murphy, 16
Hooded Merganser



Puerto Rico
Karielis Morales-Tirado, 14
Mallard - 5th Place



Rhode Island
Lea Fabre, 17
Lesser Scaup



South Carolina
Stephanie Branton, 17
Lesser Scaup - Top 25



South Dakota
Quinn Kribell, 15
Trumpeter Swan - Top 25



Tennessee
Maryl Alford, 16
Cinnamon Teal - Top 25



Texas
Angela Zhang, 15
American Black Duck - Top 25



Utah
Brad Gray, 17
Canada Goose - Top 25



Virginia
Ryan Kang, 12
Northern Pintail



Virgin Islands
Theodora D'Eramo, 16
Masked Duck



Vermont
Tessa Nelson, 17
Wood Duck - Top 10



Washington
Crystyn Rocheleau, 17
Green-winged Teal - Top 25



Wisconsin
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Mallard - Top 10



West Virginia
Cynthia Casto, 17
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Harlequin Duck

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