

# Wildlife Forever® State-Fish Art™ Contest RULES & REGULATIONS



The Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest is open to children in grades four through twelve attending public, private, or home-schools worldwide.

International students are encouraged to participate. Choose an official U.S.A. state fish and you will be entered in that state's contest. (visit [www.statefishart.com/states](http://www.statefishart.com/states) for the authorized list)

Only one entry per child per year will be accepted.

**Completed portfolios include both artwork and a composition/essay as follows:**

## ARTWORK ~

- The artwork must call attention to any officially designated state-fish. Information on each state-fish is available at [Your State Fish](#).
- The fish must be depicted in its natural habitat.
- Portfolios will be judged on the quality of the artwork.
- The artwork must be the contestant's original, hand-done creation. Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted.
- The artwork must be HORIZONTAL, 8.5" x 11" without a mat, frame, cover sheet, or border.
- The artwork must not exceed 1/4 inch in total thickness.
- Art techniques may include scratch-board, pointillism, chalk, charcoal, dry brush, watercolor, crosshatch, lead, collage, linoleum printing, or crayon. (Please note: if contestants use chalk or lead they should seal it with an adhesive).
- No lettering, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the design. Any artwork with such identifying characteristics will be disqualified and eliminated from the competition.

## COMPOSITION/ESSAY ~

- The composition or theme paper is not to exceed one page in length.
- The composition should be related specifically to the characteristics of the state fish, its habitat, behavior, or efforts to conserve it.
- The composition **must** include the student's name and address.

### **THE ART OF CONSERVATION® STAMP AWARD**

Each year Wildlife Forever will select one design from all the entries for an interesting, colorful and attractive national fish stamp.

Criteria for selection of the award follows:

- All rules, regulations and deadlines of the State-Fish Art Contest apply.
- The state fish should be the dominant feature of the design.
- The habitat must be appropriate to your chosen state and species.
- Designs may include fishing related items.
- Keep the design simple. The image will be reduced to create a stamp.
- Color will be given priority over black and white.
- Do not make the design look like a stamp. No numbers or design elements are allowed.

## GENERAL ~

### Entries must be postmarked no later than March 31st

Three winners from each state will be selected on May 1, one winner per grade group (4-6th, 7-9th, 10-12th) for a total of 150 winners (50 states x 3 winners = 150).

All contestants will receive a certificate of participation.

All winning designs will be displayed at the [State-Fish Art Expo](#) during the following summer..

All winning designs will be presented online at <http://www.statefishart.com/>

Visit [Prizes](#) to catch the latest information about prizes for the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest!

Wildlife Forever has developed, *FISH ON!*, a comprehensive, interdisciplinary lesson plan to enhance the State-Fish Art Contest. Learn more by visiting the [Educators' Corner](#).

Educators should assume responsibility for making ethics part of the overall contest. There is no room for plagiarism in artwork or composition content. Copyright laws apply.

Teachers, please complete the "Teacher/School" information **before photocopying and distributing** the entry form to your students.

Please type or print clearly as you complete the entry form.



## THE FINE PRINT ~

The State-Fish Art Contest is not open to the immediate relatives of Wildlife Forever employees or participating sponsors.

It is the students responsibility to inform Wildlife Forever of any change of address.

### Wildlife Forever:

- has the right to use the name of any State-Fish Art contestant without compensation.
- retains ownership of all artwork entered in the contest.
- will keep the winning entries one year for promotional and display purposes.
- upon request, will return all non-winning entries after August 31 (if the student provides a self-addressed, post paid, 10"x13" envelope).
- reserves the right to destroy unclaimed entries after one year.
- will not insure entries it receives or be responsible for loss or damage of the entries.

The winning artists must provide autographs without charge to Wildlife Forever.

In order to promote the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest, products such as posters, prints, T-shirts, etc. may be produced from winning artwork.

Any monies realized from the sale or licensing of the artwork will be used to support the contest, wildlife conservation, and education initiatives.