

COASTAL AMERICA'S OCEAN ART CONTEST

2011-2012



Participating Coastal Ecosystem Learning Centers:

- Acuario de Veracruz
- Alaska SeaLife Center
- Aquarium of the Pacific
- Audubon Aquarium of the Americas
- Dauphin Island Sea Lab -
Alabama Dept. of Marine Resources
- The Florida Aquarium
- Georgia Aquarium
- IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum
- John G. Shedd Aquarium
- USM Gulf Coast Research Laboratory -
Marine Education Center
- Mystic Aquarium
- National Aquarium In Baltimore
- National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
- New Jersey Aquarium
- North Carolina Aquariums
- Hatfield Marine Science Center -
Oregon Coast Aquarium
- Seattle Aquarium
- TX State Aquarium
- Vancouver Aquarium
- Waikiki Aquarium

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Coastal America Student Art Contest Rules

The "Coastal America Student Art Contest" was created to draw upon young people's artistic expression to convey the importance of the ocean, coasts and Great Lakes through the Seven Essential Principles of Ocean Sciences created by the Ocean Literacy Network. The purpose is to enhance public awareness of the importance of the ocean in the artists' and viewers' lives and to convey how personal actions affect the ocean.

Winning artwork at each Learning Center will advance to the overall competition. A panel of ocean experts will review the finalists and determine a first place winner for each of the five age groups. The winning artwork will be displayed in a public venue in Washington D.C. and an awards ceremony will be held.



*Emeline Prince - Aquarium of the Pacific -
First Place - Group 5 - 2008*

Submissions:

Contestants must submit their artwork to the Education Department of the Learning Center closest to them. Participating Learning Centers in the "Coastal America Student Art Contest" will begin accepting entries in September 2011 for the regional competitions. Entries must be received no later than **December 20, 2011**. Regional winners will automatically be entered in the overall competition, for which winners will be selected by May 2012. For a list of participating Learning Centers or for more information please visit <http://www.coastalamerica.gov/>

Eligibility:

The contest is open to all students in the United States, Mexico and Canada enrolled in grades K-12 as well as full-time university and college students.

Age Groups:

- Group 1: Grades K-2
- Group 2: Grades 3-5
- Group 3: Grades 6-8
- Group 4: Grades 9-12
- Group 5: Full-time University & College Students

Entry Requirements:

Entries shall be submitted in one of the two categories, Art or Photography. A narrative, not to exceed 150 words, explaining how the art or photo relates to one of the Seven Principles of Ocean Literacy, must be attached to the back of the submission, together with the artist's name, grade and school, contact information, and teacher or facilitator's name.

- Art work must be two dimensional, original and not exceed 20 x32 inches. Acceptable media include paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk, cloth and collage.
- Photography must have been created during the past year. If the submission includes recognizable individuals please provide a statement, signed by the subject in which they agree to their inclusion in the photo. Entries should be provided digitally with a minimum resolution of 300 DPI (JPEG or PDF preferred). Photo entries may also be provided in hard copy, at a maximum size of 8.5 x 11 inches.

Winners:

Winners of each Learning Center contest will be announced and their artwork will be displayed at that Learning Center's discretion. The regional contest winners from each age group will automatically be submitted to the overall ocean art contest. Winners of the overall competition will be invited to Washington, D.C. for a Coastal America ceremony.

Judging Criteria:

Submissions will be judged on visual impact, communication of the ocean literacy principle, and artistic merit. Each Learning Center will select a panel of judges for their regional competition. From those regional competitions, a panel of judges selected by the Coastal America Partnership will choose first place winners in each age group based on digital images of the work.

Each winner's submission must reflect one of the Seven Essential Principles of Ocean Literacy:

1. Earth has one big ocean with many features.
2. The ocean and life in the ocean shape the features of Earth.
3. The ocean is a major influence on weather and climate.
4. The ocean makes Earth habitable.
5. The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.
6. The ocean and humans are inextricably linked.
7. The ocean is largely unexplored.

Rights:

Coastal America retains all rights to original and digital copies of art work sent to Washington, DC to be judged in the overall competition, including but not limited to reproduction, exhibit by Coastal America and its CWRP partners and other governmental and non-government institutions, size modification for display, digital submission to the media, use in promotional materials, and posting on the Internet or use in traditional publications.



*Malinalli Ramirez Martínez - Veracruz Aquarium -
First Place - Group 2- 2008*

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