

# NOAA Marine Debris Program Annual Art Contest Opens October 16<sup>th</sup>



The NOAA Marine Debris Program wants your help to raise awareness about the global problem of marine debris. We're looking for original and inspiring artwork from students around the country to feature in the annual Marine Debris Program calendar. So grab your art supplies, be creative, and show us:

1. **How marine debris impacts the ocean and the Great Lakes environment.**
2. **What you are doing to help prevent marine debris.**

## CONTEST RULES

**Criteria for Art & Description** - Each entry must be composed of a piece of artwork **and** a description (on the entry form). **All must meet the requirements below.** Students are highly encouraged to check out the NOAA Marine Debris Program's website for information about marine debris: <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov>

**Eligibility** - All students in **grades Kindergarten through 8th grade** from all U.S. states and territories enrolled in recognized public, private, and home schools are eligible to participate. Schools, including home schools, must be in compliance with federal and state civil rights and nondiscrimination statutes. *Students must work individually.*

## ARTWORK & DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS:

1. One entry per student
2. The entries must be on a single sheet of **8.5" x 11" paper, landscape.**
3. Use white, non-glossy paper; do not laminate.
4. Any art medium may be used (e.g., colored pencils, crayons, paint); however computer graphics will not be accepted. Artwork must be hand-drawn by the student.
5. Artwork must be flat (e.g., no glued pieces or glitter) and able to be scanned.
6. Avoid labeling debris items with any brand names in the artwork.
7. A description of no more than 75 words must accompany the artwork (space provided on the entry form).
8. Teachers may send in as many entries as they would like.
9. Label each entry on the back in pencil (marker bleeds through the artwork) with student's name, age and grade, along with the teacher's name, school name, address, and telephone number.

**Entry Form** - There should be one entry form filled out per student. Please ensure that the entry form is filled out completely and legibly. All entries (entry form + artwork) must be **submitted via mail (postmarked) no later than Thursday, November 30th.**

**Competition Process** - A NOAA awards panel will collect all entries and select 13 winners based on the proportion of entries received from different grade levels and one overall winner. Entries (artwork and description) will be judged on the creativity, artistic presentation, and relevancy to the theme.

**Entries (entry form + artwork) should be mailed to:**

**Marine Debris Art Contest**  
**ATTN: Emma Tonge**  
**NOAA Marine Debris Program**  
**1305 East-West Highway, Rm 10203**  
**SSMC4, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Silver Spring, MD 20910**

If you have any questions,  
please contact Emma Tonge  
at [emma.tonge@noaa.gov](mailto:emma.tonge@noaa.gov)

For more information, visit <https://MarineDebris.noaa.gov>

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## ENTRY FORM

### "Keep the Sea Free of Debris" 2018 Art Contest & 2019 Calendar

There should be one entry form filled out per student. Please ensure that the form is filled out completely and legibly. All entries (entry form and artwork) must be submitted via mail (postmarked) no later than **Thursday, November 30th**.

Student First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name (or home school): \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

School/Teacher Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please ensure accuracy as this information will be used to contact winners.*

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Territory \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Artwork Description:

Art Medium Used (e.g., colored pencils, crayon, paint): \_\_\_\_\_

Description (75 words max; please print legibly) – How does marine debris impact our oceans and Great Lakes and what will you do to help to keep our ocean debris free?

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#### **\*PLEASE READ\***

Submission of this entry implies permission to use the student's name (first name and last initial) in materials announcing results of the contest and in any use by the NOAA Marine Debris Program of the artwork in their publications and website.

- Check here if you **do not permit** use of the student's name (first names and last initials) and school in the above mentioned items.

**\*Please note that entries will not be returned.**

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## RELEASE AND INFORMATION FORM "Keep the Sea Free of Debris" 2018 Art Contest & 2019 Calendar

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby irrevocably grant a non-exclusive and nontransferable  
(parent or legal guardian)  
license to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the NOAA Marine Debris Program for use(s)  
of my child's name (first name and last initial) and artwork as authorized below. I hereby warrant that I have the right to  
grant this license and that I have sole copyright ownership of the artwork in question.

### Compensation

I agree to allow the use of my child's name (first name and last initial) and artwork as authorized below, and therefore I  
relinquish compensation in any form for the uses outlined below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Authorization (mark the following with an X)

Permission is granted for my photograph(s) to be used by:

- NOAA Marine Debris Program  
 NOAA Marine Debris Program partners  
 Any and all users (public domain)

for use in:

- Unlimited education and outreach uses (*Education and outreach uses include, but are not limited to, display of  
photograph(s) on websites, in exhibits and brochures, as well as other educational materials.*)  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

for length of time:

- In perpetuity  
 For the duration of (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Finally, I agree that the NOAA Marine Debris Program has, by securing my permission and additional information in this  
release, done everything possible to anticipate the various use(s) of my child's name (first name and last initial) and  
artwork and to ascertain my wishes regarding uses of my child's name (first name and last initial) and artwork. If there is  
any violation of this agreement by any party other than the NOAA Marine Debris Program, I agree not to hold NOAA  
responsible.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_