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 Saturday, November 30, 2019.

**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 and release form + artwork) should be mailed to:

Marine Debris Art Contest
NOAA Marine Debris Program
1305 East-West Highway,
SSMC4, 10th Floor
Silver Spring, MD 20910

If you have any questions, please email marinedebris.web@noaa.gov

For more information, visit https://MarineDebris.noaa.gov
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ENTRY FORM
“Keep the Sea Free of Debris” 2020 Art Contest & 2021 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 Saturday, 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; can be completed on a separate sheet of paper) – 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
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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: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

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