



Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) **Do I have to attend a public school in Texas in order to participate?**
No, all children who live in Texas are eligible to participate in the contest if they are in grades kindergarten through 6th grade, including homeschooled and private school students.
- 2) **When is the deadline to submit entries?**
All entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in order to be eligible for the contest.
- 3) **Will I receive a letter stating that you have received my artwork?**
No. Unfortunately, we are unable to notify you whether your artwork has been received. This contest typically receives nearly 2,000 entries every year and it is too costly both in postage and staff time to contact applicants or return the entries.
- 4) **Will the artwork be returned?**
The artwork may be returned, but only at the request of the parent/guardian or teacher using our online form. After the winners are selected, we will post a link on the Art Contest web page where parents/guardians and teachers can request their students' artwork be returned. The online form is the only way to request artwork be returned. No phone or emailed requests will be accepted.
- 5) **Is the parental release/student pledge form required and does it have to be affixed to the back of the artwork?**
Yes, all forms **must be completed** and signed by the parent/guardian and the student, and either taped or glued with a glue stick to the back of the artwork. No paper clips or staples please! Failure to have both signatures will result in disqualification.
- 6) **Can the artwork be three-dimensional (i.e. magazine paper or other types of paper cut out and glued to the original artwork, puff paint, glitter, etc.) or can it be computer-generated artwork? Can the artwork include brand names or logos?**

No. Acceptable art media are paint (acrylic, watercolor or oil paint), colored pencil, colored markers, ink, crayon, and chalk or pastel (fixed). Collages, computer printouts, photography, or photocopies are not eligible. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the front of the artwork in any way. For display purposes, colorful entries are preferred. No use of company logos, product brands, or store names. Any entries with use of such items will be disqualified. Only one entry per student is permitted.

7) Does the artwork need to be horizontal or vertical and what size can it be?

The artwork must be original and must be a horizontal or vertical drawing or painting and should measure approximately eight and a half (8 1/2") by eleven (11") inches. For calendar layout purposes, horizontal is preferred. The size should not include a mat or border. Entries **must not** be framed, under glass, or have a protective covering that is attached to the art.

8) When will the winners be announced and when will prizes be distributed?

The 40 winners, their teachers and the grand prize winner will be notified in mid-April, and prizes will be distributed by early June.

9) Where do I send my entry for the contest?

Please mail entries (postmarked by Wednesday, March 5, 2025) to:

Adopt-A-Beach Program: Children's Art Contest 2025
Texas General Land Office
P.O. Box 12873
Austin, Texas 78711-2873

If you still have questions, please contact the Adopt-A-Beach program at beach@glo.texas.gov or call us toll free in Texas at 1-877-TXCOAST (892-6278).