

Frequently Asked Questions: Junior Duck Stamp Submissions Done at Home



What is the contest?

The Junior Duck Stamp Program is an annual nationwide art contest for grades K-12. Students turn in entries of waterfowl art in the hopes that their drawing will become the next Junior Duck Stamp. Students that participate have the opportunity to win prizes, and every student that participates receives a certificate. The program is designed to inspire the next generation to get involved with wetlands and waterfowl.

When are submissions due?

February 1st of every year (subject to change).

How do I turn them in?

They can be mailed into CWA to turn into the contest at the appropriate time. Entries are due usually in Spring of every year, but the date changes. Please send them to CWA first, and we will make sure that they are turned in to the appropriate space at the appropriate time. If you need help paying for postage to get your artwork submitted, please email Molly at mmaupin@calwaterfowl.org, my job is to make it as easy as possible for you. Let me know how I can help.

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Do my students need to have a submission form?

Yes. Students need to have a submission form to be entered. Parents/Guardians please fill out the "Supervising Adult/Teacher" box, as well as sign the "Authenticity and Liability Statement" where it says, "Signature of Supervising Parent/Guardian". The teacher does NOT have to sign the form. Your student needs to fill out the box labelled "Student Information" as well as sign the "Authenticity and Liability Statement" where it says "Signature of Student". Your student can also fill out the "Conservation Message" and come up with an inspirational quote about wetland or waterfowl conservation. The submission form should be TAPED to the back of the piece of artwork.

What species are waterfowl?

Waterfowl are ducks, geese or swans.

Do my students need a reference form?

Only students 7th-12th grade need to have a reference form. Reference form available for download as PDF on the website. The reference is very simple, the student just needs to list the website or publication they pulled inspiration from for their piece.

What should I look out for to make sure my students don't get disqualified? Make sure students:

- Do not have any: words, borders, numbers, or multiple species of birds in the same drawing.
- Use 9 X 12 sheet of paper
- Draw picture LANDSCAPE

-Use a North American species of waterfowl. See list provided of OK species. Most students don't have an issue with this, except for Swans. Make sure students DO NOT draw Mute Swans (Orange Bill Swans) They are non-native and will get DQ'd.

Should the picture look realistic?

Yes, please encourage your student to make their drawing as realistic as possible, it should look like they went on a hike, and took a picture of a duck.

Do they have to use colored pencils?

No, your student can use whatever medium they would like to complete their drawing. Watercolor, acrylic paint, markers, crayons, etc. Whatever they want to use is just fine.

Still not sure about something?

Email Molly Maupin at mmaupin@calwaterfowl.org or call at (916) 532-9682. We are happy to help in whatever you need to accomplish this as a class!