



## HOW TO ENTER

Youth accepted include those enrolled in public, private, and parochial schools as well as those in accredited home schools, after school programs, or scouts. Each student must submit only one entry depicting a Mississippi native fish or wildlife species. Each student must submit Entry Form and artwork no later than May 10, 2019. (Do not use staples to attach these items.)

Entries must be clearly addressed and may be sent or delivered to the following:

North Mississippi Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center  
Attn: Art Contest  
P.O. Box 100  
457 County Road 36  
Enid, MS 38927

Art entries cannot be returned. However, **participants can claim their artwork at the above location after the contest.**

### Entry Form

**Entry forms must be filled out completely** to avoid disqualification and must accompany each art piece. **If children are home-schooled or do not have an art teacher, the parent/guardian can also sign as the teacher.** For questions on the entry form, please call the Visitor Education Center at (662) 563 – 8068.

### Entry Checklist

**Please read completely.** This checklist is used to determine eligible for entry in the contest:

- Art should depict a type of **native** species that live or migrate within Mississippi. Artwork depicting male and female or adult and juvenile of the species is accepted.

- Artwork must be the artist’s original work. Entries may not be traced or copied from published works. **Photographs can only be used as guides.**
- Artwork cannot be framed.
- **Entries must be postmarked by May 10, 2019.**
- Artwork must be the original work of the student entering the contest. Any medium or mixture of medium is accepted. Examples include but are not limited to the following:
  - Water color
  - Pencil
  - Chalk
  - Lead
  - Dry brush
  - Charcoal
  - Crayon
  - Collage
  - Mosaic
  - Sculpture
  - Woodcarving
  - Woodburning
- Photographs or images created with computer software are not accepted and will be immediately disqualified. **No assistance with computer software is allowed.**
- Chalk and lead creations must be sealed with adhesive.
- No names or initials can be visible on the artwork. All names or initials will be covered for judging, which may affect score.

**Categories (by ages):**

- 5 – 7
- 8 – 11
- 12 – 15
- 16 – 19

**Judges:**

Fisheries Representative TBD  
 Wildlife Representative TBD  
 Mississippi Arts Representative TBD

**Judging Criteria:**

- Concept and Originality: Exhibits creativity

- Composition: Effective use of form
- Elements of Art: Color, space, line, and texture
- Craftsmanship: Use of medium and material
- Degree of Difficulty: Appropriate for artist's ability and age
- Wildlife Message Content: Accuracy of wildlife message

### **Winners & Honorable Mentions:**

Each category will have first, second, and third place winners. Winners will have their work included in *Mississippi Outdoors* magazine and posted on the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery website. Each winner will receive a certificate and a complimentary copy of the *Mississippi Outdoors* magazine displaying their work.

First place winners will also receive a BassPro gift card of \$100. Second place winners will receive a \$50 gift card. Third place winners will receive a \$25 gift card.

Any honorable mentions will have their work displayed on the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery website.

**Winners and honorable mentions will be notified by email or phone. Please include this information on the entry form.**

### ***Please Note:***

*All artwork submitted is hereby the property of the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Foundation. MWFPPF possesses the right to display, reproduce or use the artwork at any time in the future without the prior approval of, or compensation to the artists.*

Please contact the North Mississippi Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center (NMFH VEC) at (662) 563 – 8068 with any questions or visit the NMFH VEC website at <http://www.mdwfp.com/north-ms-fish-hatcheries.aspx> for the latest updates.