

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Atlantic Sharks, Tunas, Billfish, and Swordfish Art Contest
Opens October 18, 2023

CONTEST RULES

Each entry must be composed of a piece of artwork and a title. **All must meet the requirements below.** A NOAA awards panel will collect all entries and select 13 winners to be featured in an [Atlantic highly migratory species](#) (sharks, tuna, billfish, and swordfish) calendar. Entries will be judged on the creativity, artistic presentation, and relevance to the art contest theme.

The theme of the 2024 HMS art contest is Atlantic tunas. The winning artwork will be featured in a 2025 Atlantic tunas calendar.

The artwork should highlight:

1. The important role Atlantic tunas play in their ecosystem to support healthy oceans;
2. The diversity of Atlantic tunas and their habitats; and/or
3. Unique biological characteristics of Atlantic tunas.

Eligibility - All students in kindergarten through eighth grade from all U.S. states and territories enrolled in public, private, and home schools are eligible to participate. *Students must work individually.*

ARTWORK & DESCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS

We strongly encourage highlighting federally managed Atlantic tunas, which include Atlantic [bluefin](#), [bigeye](#), [albacore](#), [yellowfin](#), and [skipjack](#) tunas, so the calendar reflects the wide range of Atlantic tuna species found in the Atlantic Ocean.

1. Provide one entry per student.
2. Create artwork on a single sheet of 8.5" x 11" paper, landscape.
3. Use white, non-glossy paper; do not laminate.
4. Use any art medium (e.g., colored pencils, crayons, paint). Artwork must be hand-drawn by the student.
5. Ensure artwork is flat (e.g., no glued pieces or glitter) and able to be scanned.
6. Avoid labeling items with any brand names, slogans, or personal information in the artwork; limit text on the artwork.
7. Provide a title for the artwork (space provided on the entry form).
8. Label each mail entry on the back in pencil (marker bleeds through the artwork) with the student's name, grade, school, and state.
9. If submitting electronically, accepted file types are: JPEG, PNG, or TIFF. Make sure files are high resolution (scanning is encouraged), not crooked, and easy to see and/or read.

SUBMITTING ENTRIES

All entries (entry form and artwork) must be submitted by mail (postmarked) or sent electronically no later than January 31, 2024. There should be one entry form filled out per student. Please ensure that the entry form is filled out completely and legibly.

<p>Submitting Entries by Mail Mail entry (entry form and artwork) to:</p> <p>HMS Art Contest Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Management Division NMFS SSMC3 F/SF1 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910</p>	<p>Submitting Entries Electronically Email entry (entry form and artwork) to: nmfs.hms.artcontest@noaa.gov</p> <p>Attach the entry form. Attach the artwork as a JPEG, PNG, or TIFF. Make sure artwork is high resolution (scanning is encouraged), not crooked, and is easy to see and/or read.</p> <p>Please note: Our email system will not accept emails with attachments larger than 18MB. If you are submitting multiple entries via email, please number them, send them in individual emails, or reach out to confirm we have received all of your entries.</p>
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If you have any questions, please email nmfs.hms.artcontest@noaa.gov.

ENTRY FORM
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Student First and Last Name:

Grade Level:

Age:

Teacher's Name:

School Name (or home school):

School Address:

City:

State/Territory:

Zip Code:

School/Teacher Phone Number:

Teacher Email Address:

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

Parent Name:

Parent Address:

City:

State/Territory:

Zip Code:

Parent Phone Number:

Parent Email Address:

Artwork Description:

Art Medium Used (e.g., colored pencils, crayon, pain):

Title:

Ownership

Submissions become property of the NOAA Fisheries. Through submission of artwork, entrants and their legal guardians grant non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works.

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