

2025 Marine Art Contest

for grades K-12

sponsored by

Massachusetts Marine Educators and
Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Deadline: May 15, 2025

Divisions

Elementary School (grades K-4)

Middle School (grades 5-8)

High School (grades 9-12)

Scientific Illustration (all grades)

Computer Graphics (all grades)

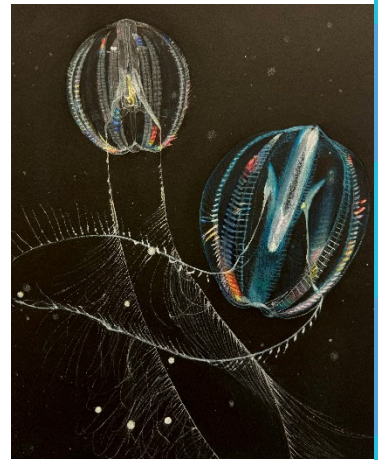
Theme

***Exploring the Biological Diversity of the
Gulf of Maine and Stellwagen Bank
National Marine Sanctuary***

Stellwagen Bank is one of only a few ocean and Great Lakes areas designated as National Marine Sanctuaries. This treasured place within the Gulf of Maine is located just off the Massachusetts coast at the mouth of Massachusetts Bay. Historically, its fish stocks supported the growth of the nation, while its whales now enhance the region's ecotourism industry. In addition to fishes and whales, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary and the wider Gulf of Maine are renowned for their natural productivity and biological diversity, including a wide variety of seabirds and invertebrates. Students are challenged to explore the array of species and then depict one or more animals in their artwork. Images showing predator-prey relationships and habitat scenes are also encouraged.

Co-Sponsors

New England Aquarium, Center for Coastal Studies,
Woods Hole Sea Grant, Ocean Genome Legacy Ctr./
Northeastern Univ., Whale and Dolphin Conservation,
National Marine Sanctuary Foundation



2025 MARINE ART CONTEST

Massachusetts Marine Educators, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and co-sponsors invite students in grades K-12 to enter the free 2025 Marine Art Contest. The theme is “*Exploring the Biological Diversity of the Gulf of Maine and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary.*” Art can depict one or more animals, show a predator-prey relationship, or illustrate diverse species in a sanctuary habitat. Judges prefer that the animals be depicted within the sanctuary, although images portraying species elsewhere in their natural ranges are acceptable.

REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ All submitted works must be entirely original works created by the student.
- ❖ Artwork must depict species that are found in Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary or the greater Gulf of Maine (off the Massachusetts coast).
- ❖ Entries should be submitted as high-resolution digital images – jpg or tif formats preferred but high-resolution PDFs will also be accepted.
- ❖ White, non-glossy paper is recommended — please be careful in scanning or photographing art to avoid glare.
- ❖ Original photographs may be submitted in the computer graphics division.
- ❖ Type your answers in the fillable pdf entry form or put your answers into the text section of the email to which you attach your submitted art. Answer all questions on the form. Please be sure to include the common and/or scientific name(s) of the animal(s) depicted in the artwork. Attach the artwork file(s) and entry form to the email.
- ❖ Home addresses will be used for delivery of awards, if selected. Email addresses of parents or guardians, and phone numbers will be used for correspondence purposes. For all students under age 18, a parent or guardian must approve the submission.
- ❖ Students are limited to two entries. Submit each entry to stellwagen@noaa.gov

DIVISIONS

- ❖ Elementary School — Grades K-4
- ❖ Middle School — Grades 5-8
- ❖ High School — Grades 9-12
- ❖ Scientific Illustration — All Grades
- ❖ Computer Graphics — All Grades

PRIZES

- 1st Place: \$50 cash award, certificate.
- 2nd Place: \$30 cash award, certificate.
- 3rd Place: \$15 cash award, certificate.
- 4th-6th Places: certificate.



Additional prizes may be available. MME is working with local museums and marine institutions to acquire passes, posters, and other rewards.

DEADLINE and ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- **May 15, 2025.** Email entries – artwork and registration form – stellwagen@noaa.gov

ADDITIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION and USE OF IMAGES

- Winning artwork will be shared on the NOAA Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary and MME websites and social media (including, but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, and X). MME and co-sponsors will have unrestricted use of all submitted artwork.
- Please note that by sending your artwork to the stellwagen@noaa.gov email address, you are giving the contest sponsors permission to use the image for other purposes, such as websites and in publications of the sponsoring organizations. Credit to the artists will be applied whenever any of the art is used.
- When artwork credit is published, the sponsors will use the student's first name, last initial, grade, and school (if space allows). If students do not want names posted, please tell us in the entry email.
- Be aware of copyright rules. Copyrighted images can be used for inspiration but should not be reproduced. All work should be original to the artist.



ATTENTION TEACHERS: If sending entries from an entire class, original art can be packaged together with entry forms and mailed to SBNMS Art Contest, 175 Edward Foster Rd., Scituate, MA 02556. We cannot guarantee that all art will be returned if sent this way.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

Email stellwagen@noaa.gov and anne.smrcina1@gmail.com

Web: <https://www.massachusettsmarineeducators.org> and <https://stellwagen.noaa.gov>

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION and IMAGES ABOUT SANCTUARY and GULF OF MAINE SPECIES

- Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary website (contains a variety of photo galleries -- <https://stellwagen.noaa.gov>)
- Center for Coastal Studies -- <https://www.coastalstudies.org>
- NOAA Fisheries -- <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/find-species> (use the New England-Mid-Atlantic region tab)
- World Register of Marine Species -- <https://www.marinespecies.org/> and Encyclopedia of Life -- <https://ocean.si.edu/contributors/encyclopedia-life>

ART CREDITS

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2025 ENTRY FORM: MME/SBNMS MARINE ART CONTEST

Email form with art to stellwagen@noaa.gov

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☐PUBLIC SCHOOL ☐PRIVATE SCHOOL ☐HOMESCHOOL ☐ART SCHOOL

☐AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ☐INDIVIDUAL ENTRY Please type or print clearly and then sign at the bottom of the form.

DIVISION: ☐COMPUTER GRAPHICS ☐HIGH S. ☐MIDDLE S. ☐ELEM SCHOOL ☐SCI ILLUS

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

School Address & Phone: _____

Name(s) of animal(s) pictured in artwork: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: (for questions related to contest entries)

_____ Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: (for mailing of prizes only; will be held securely and not distributed)

☐ I represent and warrant that the artwork submitted for this contest is my own or my child's original creation.

☐ If the submitted artwork is a photograph, and one or more individuals appear in the photograph, I warrant that I have obtained written permission from the individual/s to use their likeness/es.

☐ I understand that the 1st through 6th place prizes listed in the contest announcement (if applicable) will be the only compensation received for use of my/my child's artwork by the contest sponsors.

☐ I agree to indemnify and hold harmless NOAA, as well as its employees, agents, and contractors; MME; and other sponsors of this contest against any and all claims, actions, or damages (including attorney's reasonable fees) asserted by or paid to any party on account of a breach or alleged breach of the above warranties.

☐ I hereby give permission for my/my child's artwork to be entered in this contest, and I agree to the terms outlined in this form and the contest announcement. Please sign below.

Student _____ Date _____

Parent (if child is under 18) _____ Date _____