

FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Science Art Contest

Did you know that FAU Harbor Branch is a world-renowned oceanographic research institute located in Ft. Pierce, Florida? Our team of nearly 200 marine scientists, engineers and students make amazing discoveries every day and we need your help to share them! The Ocean Science Art Contest was established to inspire middle and high school students to be creative while learning about the ocean, research and possible careers. This is also a great opportunity to build your portfolio and use your artwork to educate the community about the importance of marine science! This year's awards include a VIP Meet and Greet with researchers, specialty tours and other great prizes. The phrase "Ocean Science for a Better World" motivates us every day, now we can't wait to see how it will inspire your next masterpiece!

Eligibility:

All **middle and high school students** (grades 6-12) enrolled in a recognized public, private or home school are eligible to participate.

Contest Rules and Requirements:

1. Artwork must be inspired by **marine science research conducted at FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute** and fit into one of the five **Research Categories** (Marine Mammals, Ecosystem Health, Biomedical, Engineering and Aquaculture).
2. Each student may enter one piece of art per **Research Category**. A separate **Entry Packet** is required for each submission.
3. Each **Entry Packet** must include the **student's original artwork**, a **Registration Form** and a **Short Essay** (100-300 words) describing the research portrayed and its significance. Incomplete Entry Packets or illegible documents will not be accepted.
4. Artwork must fit on a single **8.5" x 11" sheet of paper**, be flat and able to be scanned, and must not be laminated.
5. Any art medium may be used, however computer graphics will not be accepted.
6. Entries will be accepted **November 15, 2019 to January 15, 2020**, and must be hand delivered to the FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Discovery Visitors Center (during open hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm) OR mailed to: FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Discovery Visitors Center (Attn: Ocean Science Art Contest) 5600 US1 North Fort Pierce, FL 34946.

Research Categories:

1. **Marine Mammals:** Researchers in this department seek to better understand the ecology and health of marine mammals in order to protect and conserve them.
2. **Ecosystem Health:** Researchers in this department investigate a variety of marine ecosystems and organisms in order to understand how they function and ways that they may be impacted by human activities.
3. **Biomedical:** Researchers in this department seek to discover new medicines from the ocean so that we can treat human infections and diseases.
4. **Engineering:** This department develops new technology to explore and learn more about the ocean. They also build instruments that can allow our scientists to collect their data and help solve real-world problems like finding clean and renewable energy sources.
5. **Aquaculture:** Researchers in this department grow aquatic plants and animals for food or stock enhancement. Their goal is to increase the supply of nutritious seafood, improve production techniques, and create a skilled workforce.

A detailed overview of each Research Category can be found at (www.fau.edu/hboi/community/artcontest.php)

Additional Information:

Students are encouraged to stop by the FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Discovery Visitors Center to learn more about each Research Category, talk with scientists and outreach staff, sketch the live animals and scientific equipment on display, and ask questions about the competition. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and free 45 minute interpretive tours of the research-themed exhibits are offered daily. Each entry will be judged based on creativity and relevance to the Research Category that it was entered into. Finalists' artwork will be displayed at the Ocean Discovery Visitors Center and eligible for an additional People's Choice Award. This year's prizes include but aren't limited to a VIP Meet and Greet with a researcher, specialty tours and items from the FAU Harbor Branch gift shop! Meet and Greets can be redeemed in person or via video chat. Tours must be redeemed in person within 1 calendar year. Other prizes can be picked up at the Ocean Discovery Visitors Center or mailed to out of area winners. For more information and inspiration please visit our website or call 772-242-2293.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ Email Address: _____

School Name: _____ County: _____ State: _____

Grade Level: _____ Age: _____ Medium Used in Artwork: _____

Research Category: Marine Mammals Ecosystem Health Biomedical Engineering Aquaculture

Title of Artwork: _____

Entry Packet Checklist:

Artwork (in compliance with the **Contest Rules**, please write your name in **pencil** on the back of the paper)

Completed **Registration Form**

Short Essay: Describe the research that inspired or is portrayed in your artwork and why it is important. The Essay must be typed and contain 100-300 words. At the top of the page please include your name, the title of your artwork and the Research Category that it is being entered into.

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RELEASE STATEMENT: By entering into the Ocean Science Art Contest and signing below: I certify that this entry is an original piece of artwork created solely by the student listed and that it was not copied from nor does it include another person's copyrighted material. I release the ownership of this artwork and all of its associated rights to FAU Harbor Branch. I authorize FAU Harbor Branch to use this artwork, photos taken of the student and their artwork, as well as the student's name in promotional materials and displays related to the contest. I understand that this artwork may not be returned at the end of the contest and that FAU Harbor Branch is not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

Student Signature

Parent or Guardian Signature
(Required for students under 18)

Date