



Art Contest Guidelines

Youth Climate Art Contest

Share your passion for art and climate awareness by submitting your original artwork to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Your artwork will help us highlight the impacts of climate change on Oregon's youth during our policy discussions, and may even appear in DEQ's Climate Action Plans, or on the agency's website, presentations, and social media platforms.

Themes to inspire your art:

- Protect What Sustains Us
- Climate Solutions Start Here
- From Pollution to Solution- the Earth We Want to See

Why participate

- Join the effort to protect and preserve Oregon's environment and natural wonder by sharing your experience with the changing climate.
- Showcase your artistic talent.
- Help us illustrate DEQ's Climate Action Plans with art from Oregon's youth.
- Enter a raffle to have lunch with DEQ's Director, Leah Feldon.
- First 100 submissions get **\$30 electronic gift cards**.

Who can participate

Any student in Oregon, grades 1-12, can submit their artwork online.

The art contest is free.

Artwork & Entry Requirements

- Each student may submit only one design.

Translation or other formats

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- Designs should be inspired by students' climate impact experience or one of these themes:
 - Protect What Sustains Us
 - Climate Solutions Start Here
 - From Pollution to Solution- the Earth We Want to See
- The artwork's title and a one-sentence description must be included in the online entry form.
- Choose any visual medium to enter our art contest. Artwork can be realistic or abstract, horizontal or vertical, a painting, photograph or a sketch.
- Do not submit art that is computer or Artificial intelligence-generated, Photocopies, and tracings will not be accepted.
- Original art must be submitted in a digital image format as a jpeg or pdf. Do not mail art, as it will not be entered in the contest or returned. No logos or intellectual property from any schools, companies, or other organizations are allowed. Artwork cannot have been published or used in another competition.

Copyright Considerations

- All artwork must be original and created entirely by the student.
- No copyrighted images (TV characters, movie characters, comic book art, etc.).
- Cannot include the intellectual property of schools or other organizations.
- Artwork cannot be generated by AI tools.

Contest Deadline

Submission periods: Competition opens Oct. 20, 2025; last day for submissions is Earth Day, April 22, 2026. All entries must be entered through the submissions page.

Steps For Submitting Artwork

Step 1: Scan your artwork or take a picture of it using your phone camera or another type of camera. Save the image in the largest size possible so the details of the artwork can be seen. NOTE: If you are taking a picture of the artwork, do your best to position the camera directly over the artwork and try to ensure there are no glares, shadows, or reflections, and that the artwork appears level. Check your image to make sure it is clear.

Step 2: Save your digital image as a .jpg or .pdf. include your name and the title in the file name for example: FirstNameLastName_ ArtworkTitle.jpg

Step 3: Fill out the online [entry form](#) and upload or attach your digital image. Be sure to include your one-sentence description of the artwork in the text field provided.

Step 4: Click SUBMIT ENTRY

Program name and contacts

This contest is supported by the [Climate Pollution Planning Grant](#). If you have additional questions, please contact the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant team by email: CPRG@deq.oregon.gov.

Non-discrimination statement

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