

Rules and Guidelines

1. All entries must be submitted to the Office of Subsistence Management:

Office of Subsistence Management
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2. All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 20, 2026.

3. Only one entry per student will be accepted. Participants must be Alaska students in grades K-12.

4. Entries must be 8 ½ inches by 11 inches. You may spray chalk or pastel drawings with a fixative. Artwork can be in any medium, including colored pencils, crayons, watercolor, colored markers, pastels, ink, airbrush, and cut-out colored paper. Entries must not be framed, under glass, or have a protective covering attached, and they must not exceed ¼ inch in thickness.

5. All artwork must be original and may not be a copy or duplicate of any published work, including photographs. No copying or tracing will be accepted, nor will any mechanically or electronically generated art. The participant's signature on the entry form is an acknowledgement of the originality of the art. The teacher's signature acknowledges that the artwork was done under his or her supervision and is original to the artist.

6. Completed, legible entry forms must be attached firmly with glue or tape to the back of each entry. This is very important. This will ensure that winners are notified and that every participant receives a certificate. It also ensures that students receive a copy of the publication in which their art is published. No names, signatures, identifying marks or initials may appear on the front of the design. The student's name should be neatly printed on the back of the artwork in case the entry form is accidentally separated from the artwork.

Judges will be looking for:

- **Visual impact.** Think color! Our regulation books are printed in color and entries that use color make the most attractive cover art.
- **Originality.** Students are encouraged to draw on their own subsistence experiences and to use their imagination.
- **Artwork that illustrates wildlife that are harvested for subsistence use or subsistence hunting activities.**

Winning Entries:

The grand prize winners' artwork will be published on the cover of the 2026-2028 Subsistence Management Regulations for the Harvest of Wildlife on Federal Public Lands in Alaska book and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/subsistencealaska. In addition, at least sixteen other entries will be selected to have their artwork displayed inside the regulations books. All artists will be recognized for their efforts. Any of the art submitted may be used in informational materials published by the Office of Subsistence Management.

Federal Subsistence Management Program 2026 Student Art Contest

The Office of Subsistence Management:

- cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of entries
- will make every effort to return artwork safely to the teachers and students
- retains ownership of all artwork entered in the contest and may use the art in informational publications without compensation to the students

Questions?

Contact the Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456 or subsistence@ios.doi.gov.

Thank you for your interest and efforts!