

Trees and Me Virginia Beach Student Art Contest

Trees are a very important part of our environment. Trees provide us with oxygen, purify the air, assist with flooding, carbon sequestration, and climate change. Trees also provide us and wildlife with food, shade and shelter.

The student art contest is designed give voice to the artist to create a piece of art inspired by the importance of trees in the environment and/or what trees mean to the artist. Winning entries will be exhibited on the LRNow website and social media page. The winners will be notified by email by **Friday, October 30, 2020**.

Entry and Deadline

Each piece must include a completed entry form adhered to the back of the original artwork along with the required **\$5.00 entry fee**. Checks can be made payable to: Lynnhaven River Now or you can phone Terri at the Lynnhaven River Now office to process by credit card at 757-962-5398.

Entry must be **postmarked by Saturday, October 15, 2020** and delivered to:

**Lynnhaven River Now
Brock Environmental Center
3663 Marlin Bay Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455**

****Grant money is available for those you cannot afford the entrance fee. Please email terri@lrnow.org for more information.**

Please ensure that all of the requirements are met.

Requirements:

- Artists must be in/or equivalent to grades 1 through 12 during the school year of 2020-2021.
- Artwork must be original and represent why trees are important to the artist or to the environment
- All submitted work must be accompanied by a fully completed and legible entry form
- All submitted work must be accompanied by a few sentences about how the artist feels about trees and what inspired them.
- All submitted work must be submitted on adequate art paper for the chosen medium and measure at least 8" x 10" in size and be no larger than 9" x 12" in size. The piece may be presented either horizontal or vertical.
- Any medium is accepted: pencil, charcoal, watercolor, oil, crayon, etc. PLEASE NOTE: Pastels or charcoal entries must be properly sprayed to prevent smearing.
- Signatures or initials must appear on the front of the artwork, be no larger than 1" x 1.5" and be located in one of the two lower corners.
- Artwork will not be accepted if it is matted, framed, or altered with any type of mounting, backing material, or layers of additional paper. Entries painted on canvas supported by stretcher bars are permitted.
- Photographs, three-dimensional work, and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted.
- Only one entry per student will be permitted.

Students should not copy published artwork, plagiarism is prohibited. Acknowledgement and credit must be placed on the entry form for any published piece by which the student has gained inspiration. Please provide the following information:

Name of Source, Web Address (if applicable)

Date published

Full name of artist

Title of artwork

If you would like your piece returned be sure to circle yes at the bottom of the entry form.

The artwork and all paper correspondence will be mailed to the address provided on the entry form. If you would like your artwork returned to a different address, please include a note indicating so.

Lynnhaven River Now:

- has the right to use the name, state, and grade of any contestant, without compensation, to administer and promote the contest.
- has the right to use a photograph of any contestant, without compensation, to administer and promote the contest.
- retains ownership of copies and scans of all entries and may copy, modify, distribute and publicly display it.
- can keep the winning entries, up to 18 months, for promotional and display purposes
- may produce products such as posters, prints, T-shirts, notecards, etc. from winning entries to promote Lynnhaven River Now and the Art Contest
- reserves the right to destroy unclaimed entries after 2 months.
- will not ensure entries it receives or be responsible for loss of or damage to the entries
- will credit artist, title, and year of entry for any reproduction of entry created by Lynnhaven River Now

Prizes and Judging

Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, craftsmanship and expression of the theme.

Prizes will be awarded in each category

1st – 3rd grade, 4th – 6th grade, 7th – 9th grade, 10th – 12th grade).

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All winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mentions) will receive a Certificate of Award, a ribbon, and additional prizes.