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The Texas General Land Office Treasures of the Texas Coast 30th Anniversary Children's Art Contest

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The Texas General Land Office (GLO) invites all Texas students (public, private, and home-schooled) in grades K-6 to participate in the annual **Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest**.

How to Enter:

Review the Contest Rules, complete and sign the Entry Form and glue or tape the form to the back of the entry. Mail all entries to the Texas General Land Office. This contest is void where prohibited. Entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Prizes:

The grand prize winning student will receive one 6-8 night Caribbean cruise for two from Royal Caribbean International departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico, and a family-level membership to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The grand prize winner's teacher will receive a \$100 gift card to an art supply store.

NEW: All teachers (public, private, or homeschool) that submit qualified artwork from five or more students, with completed entry forms and eligible art entries, will be entered into a random drawing to receive one 6-8 night Caribbean cruise for two, courtesy of Royal Caribbean departing out of Galveston, Miami, Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Port Canaveral or Puerto Rico.

All 40 student winners will receive a gift card to an art supply store, a prize from Adopt-A-Beach, a certificate of recognition from the Texas General Land Office, and copies of the 2027 calendar displaying their winning artwork. Honorable mention awardees will receive a certificate and gift from Adopt-A-Beach. Additional prizes may be awarded. All taxes on prizes are the sole responsibility of the prize winner.

Winners:

Forty winners will be announced in mid-April of 2026 and prizes will be distributed by June of 2026. Ten entries from each grade category (K-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th, 6th) will be selected for prizes: five winners from public schools or home schoolers, and five winners from private or art schools within each grade category. No more than three winners from the same school will be allowed in each grade category. Winners will be determined by a panel of judges. Judging will be based on originality, creativity and consistency with the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and adherence to the Contest Rules.

One grand prize winner will be chosen from among the 40 finalists. All 40 winners' artwork will appear together in the Adopt-A-Beach 2027 calendar.

Contest Deadline

All submissions must be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 4, 2026** and mailed to the Texas General Land Office. Late submissions will not be accepted.



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ENTRY FORM

2026

Student Name _____ Age _____ Grade (K-6 only) _____ Gender _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address _____ County You Live In _____

School Name _____ School Phone _____

School Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Principal Name _____ E-mail Address _____

Teacher Name _____ E-mail Address _____

Student's Art Education ☐ Public School, Home school ☐ Private School, Art School

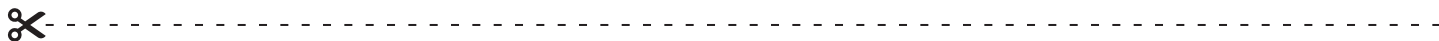
I, _____ (PLEASE PRINT NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN) give _____ (PLEASE PRINT NAME OF STUDENT)

...permission to enter his/her drawing in the "Treasures of the Texas Coast" Children's Art Contest. I give the Texas General Land Office (GLO) permission to use the attached art and child's name for Adopt-A-Beach (AAB) purposes, and I acknowledge and understand that the art will become the property of the GLO. I further grant permission to the GLO or its agents to use my child's name and artwork for advertising, publicity, and other media both during and after the art Contest. In addition, I understand that certain winners may be invited to attend AAB events. Participation in such events is voluntary and travel expenses will not be reimbursed if the winner chooses to attend.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

PLEDGE OF ORIGINALITY: I DECLARE AND AVOW THAT THE ART I AM SUBMITTING TO THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE ADOPT-A-BEACH PROGRAM "TREASURES OF THE TEXAS COAST" CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST IS MY OWN **ORIGINAL WORK** AND **NOT DERIVED** FROM (BASED UPON) ANY OTHER PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ARTWORK, **OR WITH THE USE OF ANY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) TOOLS.**

Student Signature _____ Date _____



★ Contest Rules

Theme:

Artwork should be based on the theme "Treasures of the Texas Coast" and depict why the Texas coast is important or special to the student.

Original Artwork:

Artwork must be original to the student and created without the use of any artificial intelligence (AI) tools.

Deadline:

All entries must be postmarked by Wednesday, **March 4, 2026** to be eligible.

Art Media & Content:

Acceptable art media are paint (acrylic, watercolor or oil paints), colored pencil, colored markers, ink, crayon, and chalk or fixed pastel. For display purposes, colorful and horizontal entries are preferred. The horizontal or vertical drawing or painting **must measure approximately 8 1/2" x 11"**. **Only artwork on art paper or cardstock will be accepted** (no stretched canvas or canvas board). Entries must not be matted, framed, under glass, or have a protective covering attached to the art. All entries not meeting the above criteria will be disqualified.

Prohibited:

No company logos, product brands, or store names. No collages, photography, or photocopies. Damaged, late, or previously entered artwork will not be accepted. The General Land Office's (GLO) determination regarding incomplete forms, lost, damaged, late, or previously entered artwork will be final. Only one entry per student is allowed. Household family members of the GLO employees are not eligible.

Entry Form:

All entries must have a COMPLETED Entry Form signed by a parent/guardian, and the student must personally sign their Pledge of Originality. If the form is not fully completed or submitted without both signatures, it will be disqualified. The Entry Form must be attached with tape or a clear glue stick to the back of the artwork.



**Submit
Entries:**

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