



Treasures of the Texas Coast Children's Art Contest Tips and Frequently Asked Questions

TIPS:

- 1) **Make sure the parent/guardian has signed the Parental Release.**
- 2) **Make sure the student has signed the Pledge of Originality.**
- 3) **If submitting multiple student entries, complete the school/teacher section first, then make copies. Please write clearly!**
- 4) **Tape each student's form to the back of the artwork! This is very important.**

FAQs

- 1) **Do I have to attend a public school in Texas in order to participate?**
No, all children who live in Texas are eligible to participate in the contest if they are in grades kindergarten through 6th grade, including homeschooled and private school students.
- 2) **When is the deadline to submit entries?**
All entries must be postmarked by **Wednesday, March 4, 2026**, in order to be eligible for the contest.
- 3) **Will I receive a letter stating that you have received my artwork?**
No. Unfortunately, we are unable to notify you whether your artwork has been received. This contest typically receives more than 1,000 entries every year and it is too costly both in postage and staff time to contact applicants. If you would like a receipt of confirmation, please request it from your mail shipper.
- 4) **Will the artwork be returned?**
The artwork may be returned, but only at the request of the parent/guardian or teacher using our online form. After the winners are selected, we will post a link on the Art Contest web page where parents/guardians and teachers can request

their students' artwork be returned. The online form is the only way to request artwork be returned. No phone or emailed requests will be accepted.

5) Are the parental release/student signatures required and does the form have to be affixed to the back of the artwork?

Yes, the Entry Form **must be completed** and signed by the parent/guardian and the student, and either taped or glued with a glue stick to the back of the artwork. No paper clips or staples please! Failure to have both signatures will result in disqualification.

6) Can the artwork be three-dimensional (i.e. magazine paper or other types of paper cut out and glued to the original artwork, puff paint, glitter, etc.) or can it be computer-generated artwork? Can the artwork include brand names or logos?

No. 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 ½" 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.

7) When will the winners be announced and when will prizes be distributed?

The 40 winners, four honorable mentions, their teachers and the grand prize winner will be notified in mid-April, and prizes will be distributed by early June. The drawing for the cruise will happen during this same time.

8) Where do I send my entry for the contest?

Please mail entries (postmarked by Wednesday, March 4, 2026) to:

**Adopt-A-Beach Program: Children's Art Contest 2026
Texas General Land Office
P.O. Box 12873
Austin, Texas 78711-2873**

If you still have questions, please contact the Adopt-A-Beach program at beach@glo.texas.gov or call us toll free in Texas at 1-877-TXCOAST (892-6278).