

Grading Rubric for the Marine Species Art Contest

Each artwork will be evaluated based on four categories, with a total possible score of 100 points:

1. Marine Species Accuracy and Detail (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** The marine species is depicted with exceptional anatomical accuracy and realistic features, showing careful research and attention to scientific details.
- **16–20 points:** The depiction is mostly accurate with minor anatomical or behavioral inaccuracies that do not significantly detract from the representation.
- **0–15 points:** Significant inaccuracies, unrealistic features, or lack of detail, showing limited effort in portraying the marine species correctly.

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2. Art Skills (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** Mastery of the chosen medium, demonstrating excellent technique and clean, polished execution.
- **16–20 points:** Good technique with visible effort, though some areas could use refinement or consistency.
- **0–15 points:** Basic or limited skill level, with inconsistencies or a lack of technical execution.

3. Depiction of Marine Habitat (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** The artwork shows a well-researched and realistic marine environment, with accurate depiction of water, plants, corals, and other habitat features appropriate for the species.
- **16–20 points:** The habitat is mostly accurate with minor inconsistencies, but still supports the overall representation of the species.

- **0–15 points:** The habitat is poorly depicted, unrealistic, or inconsistent with the species' natural environment.

4. Creativity (25 points)

- **21–25 points:** Highly creative, with unique and imaginative elements that make the artwork stand out.
- **16–20 points:** Good creativity, with thoughtful and engaging ideas that enhance the piece.
- **0–15 points:** Limited creativity, relying on standard concepts or lacking originality and personal expression.

Awards Criteria for the Marine Species Art Contest

Based on the final score, participants will receive the following awards:

- **Gold Award: 85 and above**
Exceptional artwork that demonstrates outstanding accuracy, skill, creativity, and attention to detail.
- **Silver Award: 75–84**
High-quality artwork showing strong effort, good technical skill, and thoughtful execution across all categories.
- **Honorable Mention: 60–74**
Artwork that displays commendable effort and creativity, with room for further development in some areas.