

Highlights and Requirements for the The Bird Dog Foundation's Annual Sporting Dog Art Contest

Entry Deadline and Submission Information:

All entries must be received or postmarked no later than January 15th of each year.

Contest Objective:

Through its annual Sporting Dog Art Contest, the Bird Dog Foundation seeks to educate and inspire young artists by stimulating them to exercise their original creative processes on subjects relating to sporting dogs, game birds, and waterfowl as well as wildlife and its various forms of natural habitat.

Age Participation and Eligibility:

All students Grades K through 12, Resource, CDC, Public, Private and Home Schools within the local area (an approximate fifty mile radius) to Grand Junction, TN are eligible. Employees or officials of The Bird Dog Foundation or relatives of current employees or officials are not eligible to enter the contest. **Students who enter the contest must be a U.S. citizen.**

Guidelines:

Standard-size paper is appropriate, either 8 1/2" X 11" or 9" X 12". **Entries submitted on paper larger or smaller than the specified sizes will be eliminated.** This allows each artist an equal advantage when interpreting his or her theme. Matted entries are acceptable, but matting is not required. **Each entry must be accompanied by two (2) completed entry forms.** **Complete information is required on the entry forms** (student's name, COMPLETE home mailing address, school, teacher's name, grade and age). Xerox copies of these official entry forms may be made by the instructors to use for each student entry.

Subject Matter:

Original art depicting sporting dogs, game birds, waterfowl, wildlife and wildlife habitat and related themes such as nature conservation, etc. are suitable. **No artwork that is found to be a copy of any existing artwork will be accepted due to copyright infringement laws.** Any artwork entered and found later to be in violation or believed to be too close to an existing artwork will be disqualified from the contest entirely and the winning place for that work will be awarded to the next winner in line. **It is very important that instructors check the submissions first** for any possible copyright infringement. **Encouraging originality in all aspects of the work is highly recommended.** The depiction of excessively violent themes is discouraged.

Mediums:

Pencil (graphite or colored), charcoal, ink, crayon, pastel, marker, and paints (watercolor, oil, acrylic, tempera, etc.) art created by using printmaking techniques, mosaics, and mixed media are all acceptable. **Non-eligible mediums are:** Computer-generated art, sculpture and photography.

Judging Criteria:

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of originality, suitability, and interpretation of subject matter, creative technique, composition, and overall visual appeal. A panel of three independent judges will be established at the discretion of the Bird Dog Foundation. Foundation employees or officials do not judge the art entries.

Awards:

Award Ribbons will be awarded in appropriate age categories during a special ceremony at the National Bird Dog Museum. Any other prizes or awards will be at the discretion of the Foundation and may vary from year to year. The Art Award ceremony date is to be announced each year.

******* IMPORTANT ! PLEASE TAKE NOTE*******

Artwork that is submitted to the contest indicates that the teachers have read and are willing to comply with the contest rules. If artwork is submitted, The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. reserves the total and complete right to use or reproduce any submitted art work to promote the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc., the National Bird Dog Museum, the Field Trial Hall of Fame, and the Wildlife Heritage Center, or for the general promotion of art in schools and among our youth. **Winning Art is kept on public display in our Library for approximately one year until the next year's contest results are known.** Non-winning entries may be claimed by participants anytime after judging is complete, usually around the end of January. All efforts will be taken by the Education Coordinator to notify the submitting school instructor(s) of any student artwork that remains to be picked up. Due to space limitations, entries not claimed after January of the following year of submission, may be destroyed at the discretion of the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. *We have found that student's parents are often unaware that their child has submitted artwork for our contests until they receive a letter of notification/ invitation to attend the Awards Ceremony. Please remind your students to let their parents know of the contest if they plan to enter.*

If you have questions, please contact the Education Coordinator: Entries may be brought to the National Bird Dog Museum during business hours of Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am-2pm; Saturdays, 10 am-4pm; or Sundays 1 pm-4pm (Closed Mondays). Submissions may also be mailed to:

**Attn: Educational Coordinator
Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.
505 W. Hwy 57
P.O. Box 774
Grand Junction, TN 38039
Phone: (731) 764-2058, Main Office or FAX: (731) 764-3004
Email: library@birddogfoundation.com**

**Download contest rules or entry blanks at: www.birddogfoundation.com
(under the ART & ESSAY CONTEST section of our website)**

Please attach two entry blanks to the back of each entry. One entry per child, per year.

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