# Ocean Awareness Student Art Contest 2018

Category: Students Only
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Website: https://bit.ly/3YDTJwT

Did you know that plastics account for **80% of all ocean pollution**? This is one of the most pressing challenges facing the ocean. Plastics pose a huge threat to the ocean ecosystem because they do not biodegrade. Instead, they continue to break into smaller and smaller pieces, which litter the ocean and its beaches.

Organised by *From the Bow Seat*, this year's contest asks you to explore the theme "**Our Oceans in a Changing Climate**", and call for young artists, thinkers, and activists who are concerned about the future of our human and natural communities to use their creative voices to explore, express, and advocate for issues related to climate change and our oceans.

There are five categories:

â€¢ **Art**
â€¢ **Poetry**
â€¢ **Prose**
â€¢ **Film**
â€¢ **Music**

An individual or group (*ranging from two people to an entire class of students*) may submit art. Each Individual or Group who submits to the contest must have one or more adult sponsors (*usually, sponsors are teachers, a parent, or a mentor*). Any student may submit (*i.e., have their name included in*) only one entry per category.

**There is no entry fee**.

**Eligibility**
Open to students in middle school or high school worldwide (*or International or Homeschool Equivalent*).

**Prize**
Awards will be presented in each of the categories at both the *Junior* and *Senior* divisions:

â€¢ Gold Award: **1,000 USD** (Junior) and **1,500 USD** (Senior)
â€¢ Silver Award: **750 USD** (Junior) and **1,000 USD** (Senior)
â€¢ Bronze Award: **250 USD** (Junior) and **500 USD** (Senior)
â€¢ Honorable Mention: **100 USD** (Junior) and **250 USD** (Senior)
â€¢ Sponsor Recognition Awards: **750 USD** (Junior) and **750 USD** (Senior)

Moreover, *The Making Waves Award* will be awarded to one submission in each age division that demonstrates a powerful, engaging, and original voice of ocean activism. Winners receive a **250 USD** cash prize.