



Long Island Sound and Its Watershed Drawing Contest

The Long Island Sound Foundation is looking for young artists to participate in a drawing contest for a 2013 calendar entitled “Long Island Sound and Its Watershed”. We ask teachers to educate their students about Long Island Sound and Its Watershed or provide them with a hands -on experience. (Publications are available as a teaching tool).

Eligibility:

The Long Island Sound contest is open to all Connecticut students currently in grade kindergarten through grade six. Participating classes/schools are asked to select **one** drawing per eligible grade to submit for judging. Individual children may submit a drawing on their own if the school is not participating.

Requirements:

Preferred Size: 18” x 24” or 24” x 32”. **A slogan or title may be written on the drawing** however, the student’s name or school may **not** appear on the front or back of the drawing. Use forms. Due to calendar printing requirements, drawings not within these size specifications will be ineligible for competition.

Contest theme: “What it means to me”.

Teachers: Please let students use their imagination. Drawings must be completely drawn by the student along with any written text for the title or slogan.

Materials: White drawing paper
Crayons, felt pens, colored pencils, watercolors, poster paints or grease pencils.
Drawings must be mailed flat or in a tube. Folded or three dimensional drawings will not be accepted.

A release form must be taped to the back of all submitted drawings. A drawing unaccompanied by a fully completed release form signed by a parent/guardian will be ineligible for state competition. If applicable all drawings should have a teacher/volunteer form accompany drawings.

All entries must be submitted to:

Address, contact information and forms:

The University of CT
Avery Point Campus, Marine Science Dept.
Attn: Susan McNamara, Executive Director
1080 Shennecossett Road
Groton, CT 06340
Phone: 860-405-9166
Fax: 860-405-9153
E- mail: susan.mcnamara@uconn.edu

Deadline: Friday, April 6, 2012

Judging will be done by educators and professional artists. The panel of judges will select one grand prize drawing for the calendar cover, two first place drawings from each grade level. A total of fourteen drawings will be featured in the calendar with the students' name, grade level, school and town. Fifteen or more honorable mention drawings will also be selected and featured in a section of the calendar.

Notification will be done by mail no later than May 1, 2012.

Awards:

The winning students will be honored in a ceremony on Thursday, May 24, 2012. For one year the winning drawings will travel to our sponsors' facilities to be publicly displayed. Contest winners will receive a family membership, a boat or schooner ride, a class program, savings bonds, or a publication from one of the following sponsors: Mystic Aquarium Institute of Exploration, Project Oceanology, Schooner, Inc., Soundwaters, CT Sea Grant Program, Bruce Museum of Arts and Science, the Long Island Sound Councils & Assembly, the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association, the Children's Museum of West Hartford, Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk and the Long Island Sound Foundation.

Checklist for submittal of drawings by Individuals/Schools

Please make certain to check the following before sending your drawing:

- 1. Appropriate release form is securely attached (tape) to the back of each drawing.**
- 2. Release form is completed and signed by the student and parent/guardian.**
- 3. Each drawing meets all requirements.**
- 4. Deadline for receipt of drawings by the Foundation is met. (Judging committee will meet immediately following the deadline date, so late submissions will not be accepted.)**
- 5. If applicable Teacher/volunteer Contest Coordinator form is completed and included.**

Please submit one drawing per individual or per eligible grade level (kindergarten through grade six.)

Questions please contact the contest coordinator at 860-405-9166.

Send drawings to:

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Teacher/Volunteer Contest Coordinator

Drawing Contest

Please Complete

If you are coordinating the Long Island Sound Drawing Contest at your school, please provide us with the following information, in case we need to contact you regarding your school's entries.

Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____ City _____ zipcode _____

Phone#: _____ Best time to call: _____

E-mail address: _____

Position: (classroom teacher, art teacher, volunteer, etc.) _____

How did you learn about the Contest? _____

Have you coordinated this contest before? _____ yes _____ no

Would you coordinate it again? _____ yes _____ no

How many students participated in the contest at your school? _____

How did you find out about the contest? _____

Please use the following space for any comments that you may have regarding the contest.

***** PLEASE FILL OUT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS *****

Please accept our special thanks for your willingness to make the extra effort required in offering your students the opportunity to learn about Long Island Sound and the watershed and participate in this contest.

Grade Kindergarten through Grade Six Release Form

Please Print

School _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail address: _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Male or Female _____

Home address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

I hereby certify that this drawing was **drawn** by the individual above and agree that it may be offered for publication in the event it is selected as a state winner in the Long Island Sound Drawing Contest.

Student signature

Teacher's signature

Parent/Guardian signature

Teacher Print Name