



JUNIOR DUCK STAMP PROGRAM

What is the Junior Duck Stamp Program?

“The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program is a dynamic art- and science-based curriculum that teaches wetland and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. The program encourages students to explore their natural world, invites them to investigate biology and wildlife management principles and challenges them to express and share what they have learned with others.”
– USFWS JDSP Website

Youth participate in an artwork competition featuring a JDSP-approved waterfowl species. The winning artwork from the national art contest will serve as the design for the Junior Duck Stamp.

By incorporating different subjects, JDSP can engage multiple types of learners and promote critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity.



2016 West Virginia Best in Show Junior Duck Stamp Art

Canada geese
Cynthia Casto, 17
Acrylic

2017 Art and Conservation

Message Contest

Entries must be post-marked to the WVU Extension Service Cabell County Office by **March 15, 2017**

Junior Duck Stamp Website Contest

Information

<http://bit.ly/JrDuckStampContest>

Curriculum Guides

FREE Downloadable PDFs of Homeschool, Youth, and Educator Guides

<http://bit.ly/JrDuckStampCurriculum>

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January 9, 2017

Dear Educator,

I am contacting you today about an exciting art contest for K-12 youth offered through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and WVU Extension Service. The Junior Duck Stamp Program is an art- and science-based program that encourages and promotes wetland habitat and waterfowl conservation through sharing and expression with art.

Each spring, a national art and conservation message contest is held to select the design of the next Federal Junior Duck Stamp. States submit their Best of Show artwork and conservation message for the national contest. Entries to the West Virginia state contest must be post-marked to the Cabell County WVU Extension Service Office by March 15, 2017. Contest rules can be found online at <http://bit.ly/JrDuckStampContest>.

For more information on the program, please visit the Junior Duck Stamp Program website. This site has links to important information and resources, including national contest information and rules. Free downloadable PDFs of the curriculum can be found at <http://bit.ly/JrDuckStampCurriculum>. I have also attached a flyer with additional information, including the website URL and mailing information.

I hope that you will share this information with other educators and parents and that you will encourage youth in your classrooms to participate. Please feel free to contact me at autumn.starcher@mail.wvu.edu or by phone at 304-743-7151 if you have any questions. I look forward to helping you promote environmental education and integrate art into STEM programming in your classroom.

Sincerely,

Autumn N. Starcher, Ph.D.
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The Junior Duck Stamp program is only a small portion of the programs provided through Cabell County Extension Service and 4-H. If you are interested in learning more about what 4-H and Cabell County Extension Service have to offer, including day camps, afterschool programs, community clubs, and school outreach programs, please contact me at autumn.starcher@mail.wvu.edu or by phone at 304-743-7151.

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Junior Duck Stamp Program Conservation and Design Contest Entry Form

<http://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program.php>

Student Information Please print clearly
Grades K-3 Grades 4-6 Grades 7-9 Grades 10-12

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

Home/Residence Mailing Address (Street or P.O. Box) _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Daytime Phone _____ and _____ Cell Phone _____

Does student have a Social Security or VISA Immigration Number? **Yes/No**
Is student a Foreign Exchange Student? **Yes/No**

Entry Information

Title _____ Species of bird (from permitted species list) _____

Medium Used (i.e. acrylic, colored pencil)

Conservation Message

Write a message explaining what you have learned about wetland conservation and the importance of conserving habitat for wildlife, or why conservation is important to you. Sample messages on website.

Supervising Adult / Teacher:

 Please fill in the following information (Print Clearly)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

School / Studio / Organization / Troop Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Mailing Address _____ City State Zip _____

Email Address _____
Please check one of the following: Parent Teacher Counselor Troop Leader Other

Supervising Adult: Fill in the STATE RECEIVING SITE address here (before duplicating)
Participants: Mail your art to this address.

Before Mailing Please Remember to:

- Read the contest brochure.
- Prepare entry as a horizontal design on 9"x12" media no more than 1/4" thick.
- Fill out the Entry Form completely with all required information.
- Check contact phone numbers for accuracy.
- Have student, parent, and supervising adult sign the Entry Form.
- Affix the Entry Form to the back of the entry.
- Include a completed Reference Form.
- Confirm the address of your STATE RECEIVING SITE.
- **Postmark Entries by your State Deadline.** The following states have special due dates: SC - Jan 10; MD - Feb 1; MA and NJ - Feb 15; MO, OH, and VA - Mar 1. All other states, territories and DC postmark by March 15.

If you have questions please contact your state coordinator.

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Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Signature of Supervising Parent _____ Date _____

Signature of Supervising Teacher _____ Date _____