



# 2024 South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp Competition



BEST OF SHOW 2023 - Abigail Short, Charleston County School of the Arts



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## About The Program

Sponsored by Duck Unlimited

The Junior Duck Stamp (JDS), a program for K-12 students, integrates wildlife and nature education with a visual arts curriculum. Students learn the importance of wetlands and waterfowl and use their knowledge to create a drawing or painting of one of the 46 native species of ducks, geese and swans and compete for a big prize: a commemorative federal duck stamp. The Junior Duck Stamp program is a great opportunity for students to get out and explore wildlife for themselves.

Open to public, private and homeschool South Carolina students, participants compete in four grade groups (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12). The overall South Carolina “Best of Show” competes in the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest. The National Junior Duck Stamp winner will have his or her artwork turned into a stamp sold by the U.S. Postal Service and other vendors. Proceeds from the sales support environmental and conservation education efforts.

SEWE thanks our sponsor, Ducks Unlimited, and our partner SCDNR, who help to ensure the continuance of this important program. Send all SC Jr Duck Stamp entries to the following address: P.O. Box 20635 Charleston, SC 29413 or email [hshannon@sewe.com](mailto:hshannon@sewe.com)



# Welcome Letter

Dear Teachers, Parents and Students,

It's time to start preparing for the 2024 South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest! Combining science and art to introduce K-12 students to an important and fragile part of the natural world, the Junior Duck Stamp Contest is a great way for your students to learn about refugees and wildlife while displaying their artistic abilities.

For the twelfth year, the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition (SEWE) has partnered with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish & Wildlife Service for the 2024 SC Junior Duck Stamp Contest, sponsored by South Carolina Ducks Unlimited. Nationally, over 44,000 children participate in this very beneficial program each year.

Participants compete in four grade groups (K-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) to create visually compelling and biologically accurate drawings or paintings of an eligible North American waterfowl species. First, second and third place winners are chosen from each group. A South Carolina "Best of Show" will also be selected to compete in the national Junior Duck Stamp Contest alongside the other states' selected pieces, in which the winner becomes the next collectible Federal Junior Duck Stamp.

- All participants receive a certificate and set of oil pastels - everyone's a WINNER.
- 100 winners from South Carolina are selected and receive prizes.
- State of Best of Show receives a cash prize (529 college savings plan check) and state recognition.
- Top 48 winners receive ribbons and prizes.
- Conservation Message Winner - gift card for the winning message. Students are encouraged to include a conservation message on their entry form.
- Winners are invited to attend the SEWE Artist Workshop - an opportunity to spend the day with some of the top wildlife artists in the nation.
- Winning artwork is displayed downtown Charleston for the month of February and during the 42nd annual Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, held throughout downtown Charleston February 16th-18th, 2024.

Email [Hshannon@sewe.com](mailto:Hshannon@sewe.com) once you complete an entry and reference form or if you have any questions, she is your duck stamp coordinator for South Carolina. We are additionally happy to mail you Duck Stamp Trading cards for the children in your classrooms/homes. Entries for the South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp contest must be postmarked by March 15, 2024.

Please note, we have asked all teachers to fill out a spreadsheet with the participating student's information. This will help streamline the process and ensure accuracy. This form is attached to the email and also on our SEWE website.

Again, thank you for incorporating this program into your classrooms and encouraging your students to participate. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Happy drawing,

Hannah Shannon

SC Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator | SEWE Artist Coordinator + VIP Liaison





## Required Forms to Fill Out:

- [2024 Jr Duck Stamp Entry Form](#)
- [2024 Jr Duck Stamp Reference Form](#)
- [2024 Jr Duck Stamp Teachers Entry Form](#)

*All of these forms are also on our SEWE website [here](#).*



# 2024 South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest Prizes

*Courtesy of South Carolina Ducks Unlimited and Southeastern Wildlife Exposition*

## **All Participating Students**

Certificate of Participation

Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Membership for 1 Year

Set of Oil Pastels

## **Best of Show Overall Winner**

\$250 Check

A one-on-one workshop with (1) Local SEWE Artist

(4) 3-day SEWE 2024 General Admission Passes

## **1st, 2nd & 3rd-Place**

Blue, Red or White Ribbon

\$25 Amazon Gift Card

(2) Sunday SEWE 2024 General Admission Passes

## **Conservation Message Winner**

\$25 Amazon Gift Card

(2) Sunday SEWE 2024 General Admission Passes

## **Honorable Mention**

Green Ribbon

1 Sketch Book