

COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM

TIDES of TOMORROW

2025 ART CONTEST

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP) would like to invite K-12 students in the Coastal Bend area to participate in our second artworks contest to celebrate National Estuaries Week!

The contest theme is “The Coast Through My Eyes”

Show us what your coast means to you – through scenes of nature, native wildlife and plants, outdoor fun and conservation!

Submission Deadline: Saturday, September 13, 2025

The contest will be judged in four groups: Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12

We are looking forward to seeing the vibrant artwork created by our young Coastal Bend artists!

ELIGIBILITY

K-12 students located in the 12-county area:

Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, McMullen, Refugio, and San Patricio

Open to public, private, charter, and homeschool students

Entry form must be completed and paperclipped on the back of the artwork
(parent/guardian or teacher signature required)

Only one entry allowed per student

CONTEST RULES

*Make sure to follow all guidelines before submitting!
Entries that do not meet the rules may be disqualified.*

Paper Size: Standard 8.5” x 11” in landscape (horizontal) orientation

Colorful Artwork Only: Brightly colored entries preferred — no black & white artwork

Media Allowed: Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paints, pastels, or mixed media

Must be student’s original artwork (no help from an adult or AI)

No digital artwork, tracings, or copyrighted material

SUGGESTIONS FOR ARTWORK

Your artwork should reflect the theme “The Coast Through My Eyes” and showcase Texas coastal ecosystems

Coastal Landscapes

Scenes of bays, estuaries, beaches, marshes, and sunsets on the water

Outdoor Fun on the Coast

Recreational activities enjoyed near or on the water — such as fishing, boating, kayaking, birding, or exploring nature

Texas Wildlife and Coastal Plants

Roseate spoonbill, brown pelican, whooping crane, diamondback terrapin, blue crab, oyster, red drum, speckled trout, saltgrass, smooth cordgrass

Protecting our Coast

Stopping littering, preventing habitat destruction, managing invasive species, avoiding overfishing



HOW TO ENTER

Artwork can be dropped off at the locations listed below:

Drop-Off Locations:

Janet F. Hart Public Library
2629 Waldron Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Keach Family Library
1000 Terry Shamsie Blvd
Robstown, TX 78380

Bell/Whittington Public Library
2400 Memorial Pkwy
Portland, TX 78374

Bishop Branch Library
115 S Ash Ave
Bishop, TX 78343

Odem Public Library
516 Voss Ave
Odem, TX 78370

Ellis Memorial Library
700 W Avenue A
Port Aransas, TX 78373

Ed & Hazel Richmond Public Library
110 N. Lamont Street
Aransas Pass, TX 78336

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

PRIZES

Overall Grand Prize Winner: \$75 Visa Gift Card

1st Place in each category: \$50 Visa Gift Card

2nd Place in each category: \$25 Visa Gift Card

3rd Place in each category: \$15 Visa Gift Card

All winners will also receive a 2026 CBBEP calendar with artwork featured in it

Artworks will be displayed in an art exhibit at the
Keach Family Library from **September 27-October 7**

JUDGING & WINNER NOTIFICATION

The contest will be judged in four groups: Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12

All artworks will be judged on the following criteria:

Understanding of Concept and Theme

Creativity and Originality

Presentation and Neatness

Writing Component (Entry Form)

Overall Impact

Winners will be notified by email listed on entry form by **Monday, September 22.**



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