

# 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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