



Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration 2017 Art Contest

Goal: Encourage student participation in the Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration by hosting a contest for students pre-K through 12th grade to submit artwork relating to the environment and sustainability.

Theme: "If we stand together we can....." (related to the environment / sustainability)

Timeline:

4/7/2017	Deadline for Entries
4/17/2017	Winners Announced
4/19/2017	Award Ceremony at Board of Selectman meeting All Entrants Welcome
4/30/2017	All Entries Displayed at Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration <i>*We highly encourage student to retrieve their entries at the event*</i>

Submissions: Ideally, Dance Choreography, Video Production, and Music Composition entries will be uploaded to YouTube or via email; Photography and Literature will be sent via email to the FairfieldEarthDay@gmail.com. Boxes in all Fairfield Public School offices, Fairfield Public and Pequot Libraries, Wakeman Boys and Girls Clubs, and The Studio will be available for submission in hard copy format. **PLEASE BE SURE TO READ AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION for whatever art category you are doing.**

Awards and Display of Entries:

- Award Ceremony at 4/19/2017 5pm Board of Selectman meeting, Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, 1st floor conference room, with live and recorded coverage by FairTV
- Official Certificate of Participation for all Entrants
- All Entries Displayed at Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration; Entries of Performance Art on Stages throughout the day
- Gift Cards for Each Art Category Winner in Each Division
- We strongly encourage retrieval of entry and certificate at Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration, Sunday, April 30, 2017, 10am-4pm at Fairfield Theatre Company (FTC), 70 Sanford Street. We will attempt to return unclaimed entries back to where we retrieved them. **PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE LEGIBLY ON YOUR APPLICATION FORM so we can reach if you necessary!**

For more information
visit www.FairfieldEarthDay.org, email FairfieldEarthDay@gmail.com or call 203-590-1755.



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Dance Choreography Rules

Description

A dance choreography entry must be an original choreographed dance. The choreography must be the work of one student and must demonstrate creativity and interpretation of the current Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration Art Contest theme.

The choreographer may be the performer or one of the performers, but the choreographer does not have to perform in the entry.

Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme. Therefore, it is very important that the student show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme. The connection should be made evident through the use of song(s), props, and the dance itself.

Traditional Dance: The modification of the steps and the interpretation of the dance are considered when judging a traditional dance for creativity and/or originality. An explanation of the origin of the dance and/or the significance of the choreography might be a useful addition to the artist statement when submitting a dance choreography entry that involves traditional, cultural or regional dances.

Presentation & Format

- Use of copyrighted music in dance choreography is **acceptable** when the **title, composer and performer of any music in the submission are cited** on the student entry form.
- Entries should be no longer than 5 minutes long and a video copy should be uploaded to YouTube. Send your completed application form and link to the video to the Fairfield's Earth Day Committee at FairfieldEarthDay@gmail.com.
- *If it is not possible to upload the video to YouTube*, send the application and a DVD of the dance performance must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size. **Accepted file formats include: AVI, MOV, MPG, MPEG, WMV, FLV.**

Tips for Audio/Visual Quality

- Use a tripod to hold the camera still.
- Make sure there is plenty of lighting, especially if shooting indoors.
- Turn off all noise-making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.).
- Make sure the background music (if any) is audible on the recording.

Submission Instructions

- Record production.
- Upload to YouTube.
- Title email "Student Name, Media Type, Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest", send completed application form and link to video to FairfieldEarthDay@gmail.com.

or

- Label CD/DVD with name of student.
- Submit in envelope labeled "Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest" your completed application form and 2 copies of your CD/DVDs labeled with "*Student Name, Media Type, Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest*".

Remember- submit 2 copies of your CD/DVD. (CD/DVD must be able to be copied if needed).



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Video Production Rules

Description

A video production entry must be an original work of fiction or nonfiction relating to the current Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration Art Contest theme. The student(s) submitting the entry must be the director, screenwriter, and cameraperson. If the student(s) chooses to use a computer, all storyboarding, editing, etc. must be done by the student(s). The student(s) is not required to appear in the video but if the student(s) chooses to, a camera tripod may be used. Entries may or may not include sound. Entries are judged primarily on how well the student(s) uses video as an artist tool to communicate his/her/their interpretation of the theme.

Presentation & Format

- Production must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- If not uploaded to YouTube, accepted file formats include: AVI, MOV, MPG, MPEG, WMV, FLV.

Styles

- **Animation:** Hand-drawn, created from a collection of objects, clay, torn paper, etc. or computer-generated.
- **Narrative:** A story told through the images created on video or computer. (This is not the same as a storyteller narrating an original story.)
- **Documentary:** A nonfiction documentary using narration, facts and images.
- **Experimental:** A video that explores movement, light and montage.
- **Media presentations:** Computer-generated media presentations must be completely original, and the student must do all the work. Cutting and pasting from other sources is not permitted. The use of software that allows the user to build a virtual environment using prefabricated characters and elements is not permitted. Any software used to create an entry should only enhance and present the work, not to provide the primary design.
- **PowerPoint presentations** are prohibited because most graphic elements of PowerPoint are copyrighted.

Use of Other Copyrighted Material

Videos may include public places, well-known products, trademarks, or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark / business / material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good. **Any background music** used in a video entry must be credited and documented on the Student Entry Form by indicating **the title of the music, its composer and its performer(s)**. If the entry's connection to the theme is expressed in the song choice, this should be explained in the artist statement.

Tips for Audio/Visual Quality

- Use a tripod to hold the camera still.
- Make sure there is plenty of lighting, especially if shooting indoors.
- Turn off all noise-making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.).
- Make sure the background music (if any) is audible on the recording.

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- Upload to YouTube.
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- Label CD/DVD with name of student.
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Literature Rules

Description

Literature entries may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry and drama are all accepted. The entry must relate to the current Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration Art Contest theme. Whether an entry uses a variety of techniques or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

Presentation & Format

- Entries must not exceed 2,000 words.
- Entries may be handwritten or typed.
- Include page numbers and student name on back of each page.
- Illustrated entries, including "books," with pictures drawn by the student are acceptable; however, only literary content is judged.
- **Collections** of poems or short stories **are not** acceptable. (***A single poem or a short story is acceptable.***)
- Entries are to reflect grade-appropriate grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Dictation and Typing

- Students may have their entries typed by another person as long as the original work or a copy of the original work is attached.
- Students in pre-school, kindergarten or 1st grade may dictate to another person who may print or type exact words as spoken by the student.
- Transcribers should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.

Translation

- Students for whom English is not their first language may submit literature entries in their own language. **An interpretive translation in English must accompany the entry.**
- Translators should make every attempt to retain the same level of language and accuracy that is reflected in the student's original work.

Submission Instructions:

- Title email "Student Name, Media Type, Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest", send completed application form and paste or attach a copy of the literature to FairfieldEarthDay@gmail.com.

or

- Submit literature works on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- Submit two paper copies of literature entry with your name on the back along with completed application form.
- Submit in envelope labeled "Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest" your completed application form and literature entry.

Remember - submit 2 copies of your work.



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Music Composition Rules

Description

A music composition entry may be for voice, instruments or a combination of voice(s) and instruments. Lyrics may or may not be included in vocal compositions. The composition is not to exceed 5 minutes. The entry must relate to the current Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest theme.

The use of composition software is permitted. The recording submitted may capture performers in real-time or may make use of a sound library-generated performance of a score composed in its entirety by the student participant. Use of notation software for the purpose of creating scores and printed parts is permitted. Whether the score is handwritten or computer-generated, appropriate instrumentation and voicing are required for the performance.

The entry may not include commercially pre-programmed imported MIDI or other source files, or use algorithmic composition software. Students are not to borrow from copyrighted material. Entries are judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

Presentation & Format

- The music composition should directly relate to the theme.
- Music recording must not exceed 5 minutes in length or 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- If not uploaded to YouTube, **accepted files include:** MP3, MP4, WMA, WAV, ACC, FLAC.
- Whether a student must submit musical notation is determined by the student's grade division.
 - **Primary and Intermediate Grade Divisions** do not require musical notation. Iconic notation ("made-up" notation) may be submitted.
 - **Middle and High School Grade Divisions** require notation, either traditional or tablature
- The composer is not required to perform his/her composition.
- A student's composed work may be performed by a group or may make use of a sound library generated performance of a score composed in its entirety by the student participant.

Tips for Audio Quality

- Do not place the recording device on top of an instrument(s) or speakers.
- Turn off all noise-making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.).
- Record a short test and listen to it. If needed, improve recording quality by changing the record volume or microphone location.
- Make sure the music is audible on the recording.
- Return to the beginning of the CD and record two seconds of silence; then start performing your composition. Finish with another two seconds of silence.

Submission Instructions

- Record production.
- Upload to YouTube.
- Title email "*Student Name, Media Type, Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest*", send completed application form, score (if required by rules), and link to video to FairfieldEarthDay@gmail.com.
- or
- Label CD/DVD with name of student.
- Submit in envelope labeled "Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest" your completed application form, score (if required by rules) and 2 copies of your CD/DVDs labeled with "*Student Name, Media Type, Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest*".

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Photography Rules

Description

A photography entry must be an original black-and-white or color image produced by a photographic process. The entry must relate to the current Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration Art Contest theme. Entries are judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

The entry may incorporate such techniques as photomontage, multiple exposure, negative sandwiches and photograms. Images may be manipulated conventionally or digitally. Images should demonstrate the student's proper use of photographic techniques such as depth of field and exposure. The images may be created using various lenses, filters and light sources. Photographs with added graphics over the image, including lettering, are not acceptable.

Presentation & Format

- A single print or collage may not exceed 11" x 14", including matting.
- Suggestion: mount all photographs on sturdy cardboard mats or other sturdy material, **but not** on wood, metal, plastic or glass frames.
- Protecting the work with shrink-wrap or a transparent plastic cover is optional but highly recommended.
- Framed entries, original video (negatives or transparencies) and multidimensional pieces are **not accepted**.

Use of Copyrighted Material

- Use of copyrighted material, including copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material, is not acceptable in any photography submission, with the following exception:
- Photographs may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark / business / material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.

Submission Instructions:

- Title email "*Student Name, Media Type, Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest*", send completed application form and photo, and send to FairfieldEarthDay@gmail.com.
or
- Submit in envelope labeled "Fairfield's Earth Day Art Contest" your completed application form and photo with "*Student Name, Title of Piece*" in back bottom right corner.



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Visual Arts Rules

Description

A visual arts entry must be an original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work or computer-generated artwork that relates to the current Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration Art Contest theme. Entries are judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

Presentation & Format

- **All art must be flat and may not be more than 3/8 inch thick.** This includes all two-dimensional materials and images, including small, flat items (such as string, fabric, and screening) that have maximum surface contact with the face of the image. **Nothing three-dimensional** (noodles, beans, beads, boxes, etc.) may extend off the surface of a work.
- Entries must not exceed 24" x 30", including a mat.
- Entries may be submitted on paper, canvas board, cardboard, hot or cold pressboard or canvas (not to exceed 3/8" thickness).
- Suggestion: mount all paper entries on sturdy cardboard mats, **but not** in wood, metal, plastic or glass frames.
- Protecting the work with shrink-wrap or a transparent plastic cover is optional but highly recommended.
- Lamination is discouraged because it can permanently damage the surface of the artwork.

Works Not Accepted

Sculpture, ceramics and other three-dimensional artwork; Stained glass and jewelry, regardless of thickness; reproductions or enlargements of other artwork.

Use of Copyrighted Material

- Use of copyrighted material, including any copyrighted cartoon characters or other such material, is not acceptable in any visual arts submission, with the following exceptions:
- Visual artwork may include public places, well-known products, trademarks or certain other copyrighted material as long as that copyrighted material is incidental to the subject matter of the piece and/or is a smaller element of a whole. The resulting work cannot try to establish an association between the student and the trademark / business / material, or influence the purchase/non-purchase of the trademarked good.
- Visual arts collages may include portions of existing copyrighted works, such as photographs, magazine clippings, Internet images and type cut out of a newspaper, as long as those portions of copyrighted works are used to create a completely new and different work of art. A collage should be judged for its whole, not by its parts, and whether the resulting work stands as a creative, original work of art on its own.

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Special Artist Rules

Student Eligibility:

This division is an option for students with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Generally, rules and guidelines within the Special Artists Division are intended to ensure accessibility to the Fairfield's Earth Day Celebration Art Contest and are modeled after the guidelines outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Who qualifies as a disabled individual under the law?

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines an individual with a disability as a person who:

1. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of that person;
2. Has a record of such an impairment; or
3. Is regarded as having such an impairment.

Student Entry Process:

Students who identify as having a disability have two ways to enter the Contest.

Option 1.

Enter in Traditional Grade Divisions: Qualifying students follow all arts category rules, and may not receive assistance other than that which is allowed for all children, but do receive accommodation to submit entries in the grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. They are recognized and awarded prizes as part of the general student population without regard to special needs or challenges.

Grade Divisions: Regardless of age, students with special needs may enter the Contest in the grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities. The divisions are as follows:

- Primary: preschool – grade 2
- Intermediate: grades 3 – 5
- Middle School: grades 6 – 8
- High School: grades 9 – 12

Option 2.

Enter in Special Artist Division: Qualifying students entering this non-graded division create their own artwork, but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

- Parent or Guardian Signature: A parent or guardian signature will be required for all students entering the program in the Special Artist Division, regardless of the student's age.
- Judging Procedure and Awards: Special Artist entries will be judged with consideration for any limitations.

Special Artist Accommodations and Guidelines:

Special Artists should follow the general rules and guidelines outlined in the Arts Category Student Rules specific to their submissions, modified only by accommodations for individuals with disabilities. The accommodation, in general, should be both specific and limited to the student's disability.

Allowable Accommodations: Given the diverse range of physical and mental disabilities that exist, it would be impossible to outline specific accommodations for each and every disability, but the following provides a non-exhaustive list of allowable accommodations:

- The Special Artist Division will not be divided by age or traditional school grade level.
- Use of adaptive technology is allowed.
- All submissions must be solely created by the Special Artist. However, a parent, teacher or other adult may assist the Special Artist with typing, holding a camera, etc.

Accommodations that are Not Allowed: Individuals providing assistance to Special Artists may not, in any way, involve themselves in the actual artistic process by:

- Personally selecting a title for artwork.
- Writing, editing or interpreting a student's artist statement, story, poetry, or script.
- Choreographing a dance, composing music or writing lyrics.
- Drawing, painting or personally creating a visual arts submission; choosing a camera angle, etc.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. If a child's disabilities are such that his or her needs are handled in a therapeutic off-site school or via home schooling, can the child participate in the Earth Day Contest?

A. All students may participate in Contest. A student may develop an entry in or outside of school.

Q. Can a student with special needs enter the Contest as both a Special Artist and also in one of the traditional Grade Divisions?

A. No. A student can enter in more than one arts category, but may only enter in one grade division.

Q. Do Special Artist rules and guidelines apply to students who are gifted and talented?

A. No, Special Artist rules and guidelines apply only to students with physical, cognitive and mental health disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Submit entry using Art Category instructions.