

About the Wildlife Forever® State-Fish Art™ Project



The Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Project is an exciting, multimedia education program designed to increase awareness of and respect for aquatic resources. Interdisciplinary in nature, the program uses art as a springboard into the fascinating world of fish. The project has two primary components:

THE LESSON PLAN: Fish On!

Fish On! has been written for educators teaching grades four through twelve. The lesson plan includes extensive background information, procedure and assessment options, extension activities, student worksheets, quiz questions, sample compositions, and a thorough glossary. It has been designed for use as a stand-alone unit or as a supplement to the [Wildlife Forever CD-ROM Curriculum for Elementary Grades](#).

A unique [species identification section](#) includes a profile of each state-fish, containing a beautifully illustrated physical description, reproductive and feeding behaviors, and habitat requirements.

“Thank you for providing such a wonderful opportunity for my science and art students to learn about their state fish!”
~ Kathleen Chapman, Toltec Elementary School,
Eloy, Arizona

THE STATE-FISH ART CONTEST

The Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Project culminates in a national art contest for children who have actively participated in the **Fish On!** lesson. Students use their newly acquired knowledge to create a learning portfolio, which includes an original state-fish art illustration and a related composition/essay about their chosen state-fish. The deadline for entry is always MARCH 31st.

“Several big success stories involve the arts with conservation. As a past judge of the State-Fish Art Contest, the students learn about fish and fishing and the best part is the art is amazing!”
~Joseph Hautman, Wildlife Artist
Federal Duck Stamp winner 1992, 2002, 2008

On Earth Day, a committee composed of wildlife artists, outdoor writers, fisheries specialists, and national celebrities, selects three winners from each state to be honored at the annual [State-Fish Art Expo](#) each summer.

The State-Fish Art Expo is hosted annually in states that organize and promote the competition at the state level. Current participating states include [Arkansas](#), [Minnesota](#), and [Texas](#). Please follow the links above to these individual states’ contest information.

If you are interested in organizing and promoting the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest in your state, please let us know and we’ll get you started! [Contact State-Fish Art Contest](#)