

Power of Nature Youth Art Contest Guidelines

A regional exhibit of the potential of the Bay Area's nature for climate resilience.

Greenbelt Alliance, in partnership with the Bay Area Youth Climate Summit, is proud to present Power of Nature Youth Contest, an art contest for high school students in the San Francisco Bay Area that will showcase nature-based solutions to climate change.

Nature-based solutions are initiatives that work with/use nature to combat climate change impacts, provide benefits for people, and promote biodiversity. Working together with nature is key to strengthening our ecosystems—that provide everything we need to live—and communities against the negative impacts of climate change and protecting the most vulnerable. Finding solutions requires deep engagement with those who will be the most impacted: the next generation of climate leaders and activists. We are looking for compelling artwork that demonstrates nature-based solutions concepts as a way forward for specific environmental challenges, such as wildfires, floods, temperature increase, sea level rise, pollution, etc.

Eligibility

- Open to high schoolers grades 9-12
- Must live in any of the 9 Bay Area counties
- Must be available to drop off your artwork prior to a public showcase (location TBD/conditions permitting)
- Must be able to meet all requirements in Official Guidelines

Eligible Artwork

All artwork should be [submitted via this online form](#).

Information required: Entry Title, Submitter's Name, Submitters Age, Grade, Mailing Address as well as Email Address. If under the age of 18, application must include Parent or Legal Guardians' Name, Email and Signature of Permission for Entry.

2-D or 3-D art within the size requirements (2ftx2ft) will be accepted.

Write a 100-250 word description of your work and how it relates to the theme of the contest, explaining the nature-based solution you are trying to highlight.

All artwork will be submitted online in the form of photos.

If your artwork is 3-D, you can include a short video showing different sides of your art in addition to photos of your work from different angles.

Please keep in mind that we will be judging based off of these online submissions so make sure to provide high resolution images and videos of your work that are taken in good lighting. Please avoid including distracting backgrounds which detract from the actual artwork. Please orient the image in the direction the artwork should be viewed (i.e. not upside down, at a 90 degree angle, etc.).

- No personal informations such as name, address, etc should be on your artwork/in the submission photos/video
- All artwork must be original and have not been submitted to other contests

Disclaimer: If we receive a file that is of bad quality or does not open, we will reach out to you to ask for new pictures or videos. If you do not get back to us within 72 hours of inquiry you will be disqualified.

Sample mediums that are accepted:

- Mixed media collages
- Digital design work
- Sculptures
- Paintings
- Drawings
- Wood working

Judging & Winners

A panel of judges will select three finalists based on the selection criteria.

Selection Criteria

- Meet all eligibility criteria
- Creativity and Innovation
- Articulation of using nature to fix a climate issue that is prevalent in the Bay Area such as flood, drought, wildfire, extreme heat, etc.

Liability Clause

Conditions of Entry by submitting an Entry in this Project, each Entrant warrants and represents that the Entrant owns all rights to the Entry he/she is entering in this Competition and is the sole

work of the Entrant. By submitting an Entry, Entrant agrees to the Official Guidelines, and further agrees to indemnify and hold Greenbelt Alliance and their respective affiliates, officers, directors, agents, co-branders or other partners, and any of their employees, harmless from any and all claims, damages, expenses, costs (including reasonable attorney's fees) and liabilities (including settlements), brought or asserted by any third party against any of The Project Indemnities due to or arising out of the Entrant's Entry materials in this Project, or the Entrants conduct during and in connection with the Project, including but not limited to trademark, copyright or other intellectual property rights, right of publicity, right of privacy or defamation. Entrant agrees to release, indemnify and hold harmless Greenbelt Alliance from all claims that any advertising, presentation, web content or any other material subsequently produced, presented, and/or prepared by or on behalf of Greenbelt Alliance infringes on the rights of Entrant's work as contained in any Entry.

To be complete, all applications must be in English and include the following: Entry Title, Submitter's Name, Submitters Age, Grade, Mailing Address as well as Email Address. If under the age of 18, application must include Parent or Legal Guardians' Name, Email and Signature of Permission for Entry. All of these elements must be valid or any prizes may be forfeited. Primary email address must be correct in order to receive confirmation of submission and other notifications. It is highly recommended that entrants make every effort to ensure the greenbelt.org email is not identified as spam. Additional information such as a contact phone # may also be requested.

All Entries must have a Title listed on the Entry Form. The word "Greenbelt Alliance" should not occur in the title. Original titles that evoke the message of the artwork are recommended. Best titles are less than 8 words in total.

- All Entries should have the dimensions of the work listed.
- All Entries should have a brief description of the work and how it relates to the theme.
- All Entries must be downloadable to be accepted.
- All Entries must not be posted on the internet until after April 22, 2022 except by Greenbelt Alliance or its representatives unless Entrant is specifically authorized to do so.
- All Entries must not be entered in another art contest before or during this Competition.
- Only one entry per contestant.

Submission of the artwork grants Greenbelt Alliance a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty-free license to publish your student's/child's artwork in Greenbelt Alliance's editorial, educational, and promotional print and digital materials, in our promotional and educational posts to social media, and for all other lawful uses—including artwork print sales—in furtherance of the Greenbelt Alliance's mission. All published artwork will be credited in the following form: "Artist's Name."

All Finalists will have their Entry exhibited in the Bay Area (either digitally or in person), Spring/Summer 2022, conditions permitting. It will be the responsibility of the Finalist to send

their Entry at their cost to the designated location by the date/time listed in the Finalist Announcement. If you have challenges with transporting your artwork, contact Berna at bidriz@greenbelt.org. Greenbelt Alliance will not be responsible for any damage that may occur in transport.

Primary Goals

1. Grow awareness for the abundance of nature-based solutions already at our disposal and encourage others to take action.
2. Encourage and inspire youth to creatively express how nature can play an important role in the fight against climate change.
3. Give youth a platform to voice their views on the most pressing environmental issues in their local and broader community and the best approaches to solve these issues.
4. Broaden our network of youth voices to provide future advocacy opportunities to youth in our communities.

Timeline

- Contest launch February 15, 2022
- Submission Deadline 11:59 PST April 1, 2022
- Winners Announced on Greenbelt Alliance's website on Earth Week
- Conditions permitting, art will be displayed (in-person and/or online) in Spring/Summer 2022

About Greenbelt Alliance:

Greenbelt Alliance's mission is to educate, advocate, and collaborate to ensure the Bay Area's lands and communities are resilient to a changing climate. Greenbelt Alliance has stewarded the region's beautiful natural landscapes while promoting the growth needed for thriving communities for over 60 years. We focus on innovative policy solutions and accelerating local and regional collaboration to plan and invest in resilient communities. [Learn more here.](#)

About BAYCS:

The Bay Area Youth Climate Summit brings together high school students from all over the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond to connect over climate justice and activism. We host exciting workshops and events on local climate solutions and environmental justice issues. Our summit also focuses on creating solution-oriented climate action plans. We offer support, guidance, and resources for youth to build a climate action plan with a group of like-minded students that they can implement in their school or community. [Learn more here.](#)