



# CALIFORNIA COASTAL ART & POETRY CONTEST

## California Students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Winners in art and poetry will be selected in each of five grade-level categories (K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12) to receive a \$100 gift certificate to an art supply or book store. Each winner's teacher will receive a \$50 gift certificate for educational materials from the **Acorn Naturalists** catalog. Winners and honorable mentions will receive tickets to **Aquarium of the Pacific** and will be part of a travelling exhibit shown at locations throughout California during 2017 and 2018.

***Entries must be postmarked by  
January 31, 2017***

***Winners will be announced by April 2017 by email  
and at [coastforyou.org](http://coastforyou.org).***

### Sunset

A great ball of fire sinks down  
Into the cold hands of Water, in her blue gown  
The fire, out of its own control, will decay  
Until Water decides to light the fire the next day

Kelly Lu, Grade 7

Art and poetry must have a California coastal or marine theme to be eligible. Please refer to the Contest Guidelines on the entry form, and the contest page at [coastforyou.org](http://coastforyou.org) for complete rules. Art entries: please include a short statement of a paragraph or less on how the coast or ocean inspired your creation.

Complete a contest Entry Form and submit it with your art and artist's statement or your poetry to:

**California Coastal Commission  
Coastal Art and Poetry Contest  
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000  
San Francisco, CA 94105**

For more information, tips, and entry form in Spanish and English:

**[www.coastforyou.org](http://www.coastforyou.org)  
(800) Coast-4U \* [coast4u@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:coast4u@coastal.ca.gov)**



Artwork from the 2016 contest by Angela Lu, 9<sup>th</sup> grade (top left) and David Podgoretskiy, 6<sup>th</sup> grade

**COASTAL ART & POETRY CONTEST ENTRY FORM**

**PLEASE USE A PEN AND PRINT CLEARLY.**

I have included optional return postage.  
Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_  
*Do NOT include cash or check in lieu of postage. DO pay for your envelope!*

**Entries must be postmarked by January 31.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_ Art: \_\_\_ Poem: \_\_\_ (Check one) Medium (if art) \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Facilitator (First & Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Student/Family Email \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant and assign to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) the non-exclusive right and permission to use, re-use, publish, re-publish, and otherwise reproduce and display the original writing or artwork that I have submitted to the CCC, individually or in conjunction with other original artwork or writing, in any and all media, for any purpose whatsoever; and to include the artist or writer's name and grade level to identify the work. I hereby release and discharge the CCC from any and all claims and demands arising out of or in connection with the use of the original artwork or writing, including without limitations any and all claims for libel or invasion of privacy. In any of the winning categories, the CCC maintains the exclusive right to declare no winner and withhold prizes. The CCC assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged poetry or artwork. The CCC may sell, assign, license, or otherwise transfer all rights granted to it hereunder. I have read the foregoing and fully understand the contents thereof. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns. I further release the CCC from any responsibility for injury incurred during the research or production of the original writing or artwork.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being the **parent or guardian** of the above-named minor, hereby consent to and join in the foregoing release and consent on behalf of said minor. DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

If my child is a winner or honorable mention in this contest, I consent to have his or her city publicized along with name and grade level: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**Pledge of Originality:** I declare and avow that the poem(s) or artwork I am submitting to the California Coastal Commission's Coastal Art and Poetry Contest is my own original work and was not copied from other artists' works or photographs. I did not trace other artwork, and no other hands were involved in the production. Entrants may rely on photographs or published images as guides (e.g. of a California native species), but the end product must be significantly different. The entry must be the entrant's own creation and idea.

Student's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**GUIDELINES**

1. This contest is open to California residents in grades K-12. (Immediate family members of CCC staff are not eligible.) There are five grade categories for awards in both art and poetry: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. **Entries must have a California coastal or California marine theme (e.g. no tropical or arctic settings or species).** Winners will be selected for art and poetry in each of the grade categories; winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate to an art supply or book store. Each winner's teacher (named on the Entry Form) will receive a \$50 gift certificate for educational supplies. Entries may be submitted via a teacher or individually without teacher assistance.
2. **Poems and artwork must be student's original work.** If using a photo model taken by someone else, image must be significantly altered to avoid plagiarism. Artwork should not be traced from another artist's work, and **no hands other than the student's own should be involved in the creation of the artwork.** Poetry must be either typed or legibly written in ink. Poems should be printed on the back of the completed Entry Form (preferred) or stapled to the Entry Form. **Artwork may not exceed 11 x 17 inches in size.** Acceptable art media are paint, pencil, markers, ink, crayon, chalk or pastel (fixed), and collage. Three-dimensional pieces, printouts, photography, or photocopies are not eligible. Art must contain name, grade and school on the back and are encouraged to include a **short statement about artist's inspiration.** Attach a completed Entry Form to the back of each piece of artwork. Please do not fold artwork or use paperclips.
3. Through submission of poetry or artwork, contestants and their legal guardians grant to the CCC non-exclusive reproduction and publication rights to the works submitted.
4. All entries must be *postmarked* by January 31. Students may enter multiple pieces. Multiple entries (whether from one student or from a group) can be sent in one package, but each entry must have its own entry form attached. The CCC is not responsible for entries that are late, damaged, or lost. Winners will be directly contacted and announced at [www.coastforyou.org](http://www.coastforyou.org) by April 2016.
5. **If you would like to have your artwork returned to you,** include adequate postage and address label for reuse of original packaging (preferred) or a self-addressed, stamped envelope of the correct size. *Entries that do not include these items at the time of submittal can not be returned.* **Please be sure to PAY for any USPS envelopes you use and have them CANCEL the bar code on the back!** Multiple entries may be returned in one package. Poetry will not be returned. Winning and honorably mentioned artwork may be retained by the CCC for approximately one year for public exhibit.

Mail entry, entry form, artist's statement (and postage/label or self-addressed stamped envelope for art if desired) to:  
**COASTAL ART & POETRY CONTEST, California Coastal Commission, 45 Fremont ST, STE 2000, San Francisco, CA 94105**