

**Highlights and Requirements  
Annual Sporting Dog Art Contest  
The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.**

**Objective:**

Through its annual Sporting Dog Art Contest, the Bird Dog Foundation seeks to educate and inspire young artists by stimulating them to exercise their original creative processes on subjects relating to sporting dogs, game birds, and waterfowl as well as wildlife and its various forms of natural habitat.

**Age Participation and Eligibility:**

Grades K through 12, Resource, & CDC of Public, Private and Home Schooled students. Employees or officials of The Bird Dog Foundation or relatives of current employees or officials are not eligible to enter the contest.

**Entry Deadline and Submission Information:**

**All entries must be received or postmarked no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

**Guidelines:**

Standard-size paper is appropriate, either 8 1/2" X 11" or 9" X 12". **Entries submitted on paper larger or smaller than the specified sizes will be eliminated.** This allows each artist an equal advantage when interpreting his or her theme. Matted entries are acceptable, but matting is not required. **Each entry must be accompanied by two (2) completed entry forms.**

**Complete information is required on the entry forms** (student's name, home mailing address, school, teacher's name, grade and age and date of contest). Please try to use the entry forms as provided by the Foundation. Xerox copies of these official entry forms may be made by the instructors to use for each student entry.

Entries may be brought to the National Bird Dog Museum during business hours of Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am-2pm; Saturdays, 10 am-4pm; or Sundays 1 pm-4pm (Closed Mondays). Submissions may also be mailed to:

**Attn: Lucy Cogbill, Educational Coordinator  
Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.  
505 W. Hwy 57     P.O. Box 774  
Grand Junction, TN 38039**

**Please attach two entry blanks to the back of each entry. One entry per child, per year.**

**If you have questions, please contact the Education Coordinator:**

**Phone: (731) 764-2058, office. FAX: (731) 764-3004**

**Email: [library@birddogfoundation.com](mailto:library@birddogfoundation.com)**

**Download contest rules or entry blanks at: [www.birddogfoundation.com](http://www.birddogfoundation.com)  
( under the ART & ESSAY CONTEST section of our website).**

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### **Subject Matter:**

Original art depicting sporting dogs, game birds, waterfowl, wildlife habitat, and related themes are suitable. When helping your students select their subjects, please encourage their participation as a positive learning experience as well as a creative effort.

**The depiction of excessively violent themes is discouraged.**

### **Medium:**

Pencil (graphite or colored), charcoal, ink, crayon, pastel, marker, and paints (watercolor, oil, acrylic, tempera, etc.) are acceptable. Computer-generated art will be eliminated.

### **Criteria:**

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of originality, suitability, and interpretation of subject matter, creative technique, composition, and overall visual appeal.

### **Judging:**

A panel of three judges will be established at the discretion of the Bird Dog Foundation. The Foundation has no part in the judging itself, so this is left up to the judges with the decision of winning placements.

### **Awards:**

Award Ribbons will be awarded in appropriate age categories during a special ceremony at the National Bird Dog Museum. Award date to be announced each year.

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE TAKE NOTE\*\*\*\*\***

***INSTRUCTORS: We have found that student's parents are often unaware that their child has submitted artwork for our contests until they receive a letter of notification and invitation to attend the Awards Ceremony. Please remind your students to let their parents know of the contest if they plan to enter.*** If artwork is submitted, The Bird Dog Foundation, Inc. reserves the total and complete right to use or reproduce any submitted art work to promote the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc., the National Bird Dog Museum, the Field Trial Hall of Fame, and the Wildlife Heritage Center, or for the general promotion of art in schools and among our youth. **Winning Art is kept on public display in our Library for approximately one year until the next year's contest results are known.** Non-winning entries may be claimed by participants anytime after judging is complete, usually around the end of January. All efforts will be taken by the Education Coordinator to notify the submitting school instructor(s) of any student artwork that remains to be picked up. Due to space limitations, entries not claimed after January of the following year of submission, may be destroyed at the discretion of the Bird Dog Foundation, Inc.

**Additional Entry Forms and guideline information are also available** by contacting the Education Coordinator by e-mail: **library@birddogfoundation.com** OR the forms may be downloaded directly from the Bird Dog Foundation's internet website:

**www.birddogfoundation.com** under the "Art & Essay Contests" section of the website.

*Please feel free to contact us if you have any additional questions or need more entry forms, etc.*

**We will be more than glad to supply your classroom with back issues of various Wildlife Magazine resource materials to aid your students in preparing for this contest. These will be your to keep.**

