



# 2003 State-Fish Art Contest

## WILDLIFE FOREVER STATE-FISH ART CONTEST RULES & REGULATIONS

### HOW TO ENTER:

Completed portfolios must be postmarked by March 31 of each year.

Portfolios must include:

- A completed entry form.
- Artwork of participant's state fish.
- One-page composition about participant's state fish, its habitat, behavior or efforts to conserve it. The composition must include the student's name and address.
- Entry forms are also available by calling toll-free 1-877-FISHART (877-347-4278). Please allow two weeks by mail. Entry forms will not be accepted by e-mail. Please download or print the entry form at [www.statefishart.com](http://www.statefishart.com) and send via regular mail.
- Entry forms must be completed, signed by a parent or guardian, and glued to the back of the original artwork.
- Completed entries should be mailed to:  
Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest,  
10365 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

### RULES & REGULATIONS:

- The State-Fish Art Contest is open to children in grades four through twelve attending public, private, or home-schools in the United States. Only one entry per child will be accepted.
- Portfolios will be judged on the quality of the artwork.
- The artwork must call attention to the official fish of his or her home state. PA's official state fish is the brook trout. The fish must be depicted in its natural habitat. Information about each state fish is available on the Internet at [www.statefishart.com](http://www.statefishart.com).
- All artwork must be the contestant's original, hand-done creation. Photographs and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted.
- All artwork must be 8.5"x11" and horizontal, without a mat, frame, cover sheet, or border. Art techniques may include scratchboard, pointillism, chalk, charcoal, dry brush, watercolor, crosshatch, lead, collage, linoleum printing, or crayon. Please note: If contestants use chalk, charcoal or lead, they should seal it with an adhesive.
- All artwork must not exceed 1/4-inch in total thickness.
- No lettering, signatures, or initials may appear on the front of the design. Any artwork with such identifying characteristics will be disqualified and eliminated from the competition.
- Completed portfolios must include a typed composition or theme paper not to exceed one page in length. Compositions should be related specifically to the characteristics of the state fish, its habitat, behavior, or efforts to conserve it. The composition **must** include the student's name and address.

### PRIZES:

- All contestants will receive a certificate of participation.
- Three winners from each state will be selected on Earth Day of each year—one winner per grade group (4-6th, 7-9th, 10-12th) for a total of 150 winners (50 states x 3 winners = 150).
- All winning designs will be displayed at the Mall of America in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the State-Fish Art Expo in June.
- All winning designs will be presented online at [www.statefishart.com](http://www.statefishart.com).

### THE FINE PRINT:

- The State-Fish Art Contest is not open to the immediate relatives of Wildlife Forever employees or participating sponsors.
- It is the student's responsibility to inform Wildlife Forever of any change of address.
- Contestants living in Washington, D.C. may use either the Maryland or Virginia state fish in their portfolios.

Wildlife Forever:

- Has the right to use the name of any State-Fish Art contestant without compensation.
- Retains ownership of all artwork entered in the contest. In order to promote the Wildlife Forever State-Fish Art Contest, products such as posters, prints, T-shirts, etc., may be produced from winning artwork. Any monies realized from the sale or licensing of the artwork will be used to support the contest, wildlife conservation, and education initiatives. The winning artists must provide autographs without charge to Wildlife Forever.
- Retains all winning entries until June 1 of the following year and will return the winning entries to the students in June upon request.
- Will return all non-winning entries upon request after August 31, if the student provides a self-addressed 10"x13" envelope.
- Reserves the right to destroy unclaimed entries after one year.
- Will not insure entries it receives or be responsible for loss or damage of the entries.

PA Fish & Boat Commission web site: [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us)

PA's State Fish  
Brook Trout



# 2002 State-Fish Art Contest Winners

Three young Pennsylvania artists have been named winners in a national art contest. The three were chosen as state champions in their respective age classes for their depiction of the brook trout, Pennsylvania's official state fish.

**Benjamin Smith** of Natrona was named state champion for grades 4-6.

**Kristina Gaetano** of Mountaintop took first-place honors for grades 7-9. She is a repeat winner, having been named Pennsylvania champion for grades 4-6 in 2001. She was also National Best in Show for her age group.

**Josh Joint** of Erie garnered top state honors for grades 10-12. The victory was his third consecutive, having previously won in 2000 and 2001. He took National Best in Show for grades 7-9 in 2001.

The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission was a partner agency in the contest, which was conducted by Wildlife Forever. Pennsylvania's 116 entries were the second highest total from any one state.

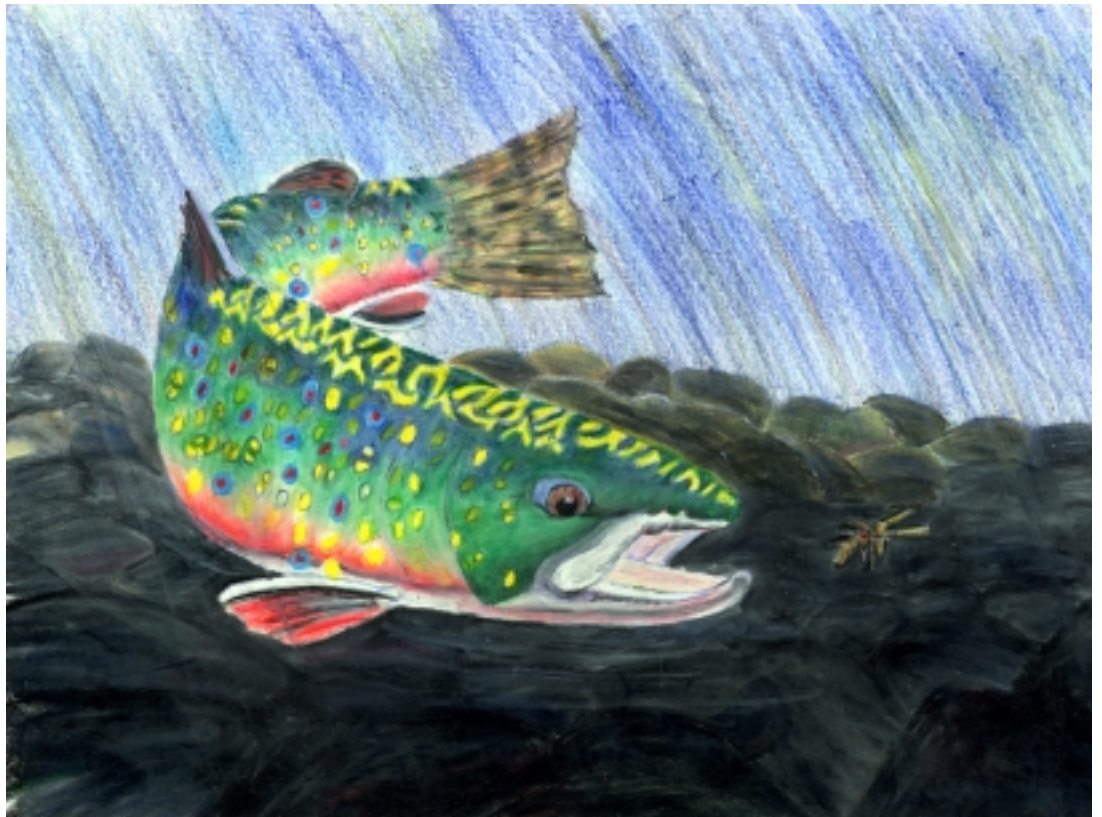
Pennsylvania winners will receive a framed trout stamp print from the Fish & Boat Commission. In addition, the top artwork from Pennsylvania was displayed along with the artwork of other winners from across the nation at a special exhibit in the Mall of America in Minnesota, June 7-9.

The Pennsylvania winning artwork can be viewed on the Commission's web site, [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us). Winning artwork from other states can be seen on Wildlife Forever's contest site, [www.statefishart.com](http://www.statefishart.com).

**Winner:  
Benjamin  
Smith  
Grades  
4-6**



**Winner:  
Kristina  
Gaetano  
Grades  
7-9**



**Winner:  
Josh  
Joint  
Grades  
10-12**

# WILDLIFE FOREVER STATE-FISH ART CONTEST ENTRY FORM



## Important for Teachers:

If part of a classroom project, please fill out teacher and school information before duplicating and distributing to students. Duplicate and glue to back of artwork.

## Entries addressed to:

Wildlife Forever, State-Fish Art Contest  
10365 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

**Entry Deadline:** Must be postmarked by March 31, 2003

Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 8 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 9 <sup>th</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 11 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> 12 <sup>th</sup>
Check one:	Group I	Group II	Group III

## Contestant

Last Name

First Name

Birthdate

## Home Address

Street or PO Box

City

State

Zip

## Telephone

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Home

Parent Daytime

## Art Entry Title

Art Medium Used

## Fish Species

Composition Title

## School and Teacher Information

Teacher's Name

Name of School

Street Address

City/State/Zip

I hereby certify that this is my original work and that it is not a copy of published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, or other materials protected by copyright laws. I understand that Wildlife Forever and other sponsors are not responsible for loss or damage to my artwork and/or composition. I grant exclusive right to Wildlife Forever and its designees to utilize my artwork and/or composition for reproduction and promotional purposes and to display my art. Also, I agree that my artwork and/or composition may be used, altered, or published as they see fit without compensation to me. I also grant Wildlife Forever the right to release my name and hometown in promoting the winners of the contest.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Teacher

Date

Entry questions should be directed to [education@wildlifeever.org](mailto:education@wildlifeever.org) or by calling toll-free 1-877-FISHART. Artwork must be 8.5" x 11" HORIZONTAL and no more than 1/4-inch thick. Do not mat or frame. Do not have lettering or borders on the front.

Cut along dotted line and mail today! Photocopy this form if you don't wish to cut your magazine.