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ART

We encourage you to get inspired and create a *painting, sculpture, graphic, collage, or mixed media piece* that focuses on **plastic pollution in our oceans**. Unfortunately, straight photography will not be considered for the 2014 contest, but photographs may be incorporated into other mediums. See the "[Inspiration](#)" page for ideas, and be sure to follow the submission guidelines.

Basic Rules

The contest runs through June 15, 2014, and is open to students who are in grades 9 through 12 as of September 2013. An individual or group (ranging from two people to an entire class of students) may submit art.

Preparing Your Artist Statement

You should see the artist statement as an opportunity to give voice to your art project. We encourage you to reflect on the motivation behind your piece. We want to know *why* you created *what you did* and *how it relates* to plastic pollution in our oceans. We would also like to hear about your process, details behind your choice of medium, and information on materials that you used.

If you drew inspiration from certain articles or artists, we want to know that, too! If you are using any images or ideas that are not entirely original and of your own making, you must cite the source in your artist statement.

Sourcing should follow [MLA](#) Citation Style:

Parenthetical sources, not footnotes

Bibliography at the end of the statement

Artist statements must be a maximum of 250 words and include your name, choice of medium, and any sources you used. Please note that source citations are NOT included in your word count.

Preparing Your Art

Since we are creating an online art gallery, we have very specific guidelines for submitting art. If your submission does not follow these guidelines, it will not be judged in the contest!

Art should be submitted in **.jpg form**. We will accept one to three photographs of each piece of art. The images must be saved at a resolution of 72 dpi or higher. All submissions should be of pixel dimensions 1024 x 768 (either vertical or horizontal orientation is acceptable). If your submission is not traditionally rectangular, the submission must have one dimension which matches the above, and a second which does not exceed it. For example, a very narrow submission might be 1024 x 400, while a square submission would be 768 x 768.

We know that not everyone will be familiar with changing the dpi (which controls the clarity of the image) and the pixel dimensions (which controls the size of the image).

Submission Guidelines

All students must first [register](#) online. Art submissions will NOT be accepted without registration. After registering, students should send ONE email with both their art (saved as a .jpg file) and artist statement (saved as a Microsoft Word document) to contest@fromthebowseat.org.