

# 2026 Fish Art and Essay Competition



The Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery Visitor Education Center (VEC) will once again serve as the host site for the Wildlife Forever 2026 Fish Art and Creative Writing Competition. The competition invites youth in grades K–12 to showcase their creativity and passion for conservation. Each entry must include:

- A completed entry form (Grades K–12)
- An original artwork submission (Grades K–12)
- A creative writing submission (Grades 4–12)

The deadline to apply is February 28, 2026. First place winners will receive a free field trip for their class to MDWFP's Bob Tyler Fish Hatchery VEC. Winners will be announced on the MDWFP website and will advance to Wildlife Forever's national competition. This competition is hosted in conjunction with the annual youth wildlife art contest sponsored by the Mississippi Wildlife, Fisheries, Parks, Marine Foundation.

For full guidelines and submission details, visit: [www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/wildlife-forever-art-and-essay-competition](http://www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/wildlife-forever-art-and-essay-competition).

