

*Conservation Through the Arts*

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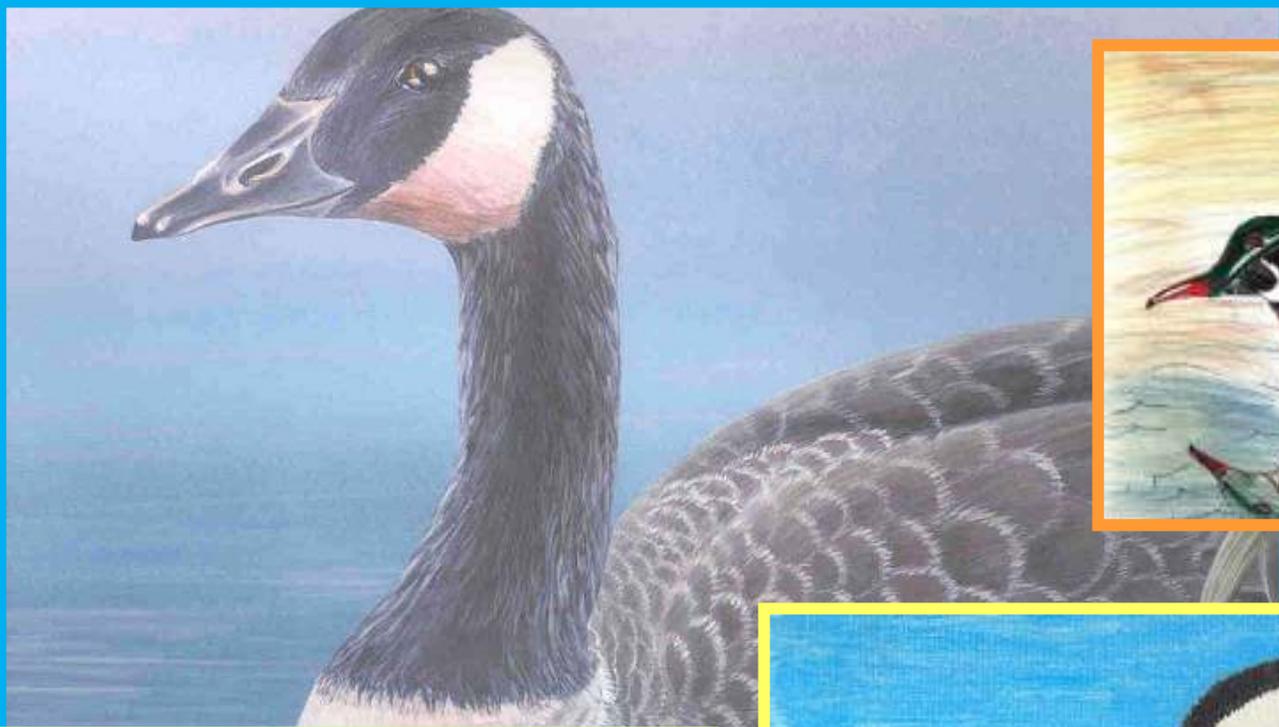
# South Carolina Junior Duck Stamp Contest



# What **IS** the Junior Duck Stamp Contest ?

- Founded by Dr. Joan Allemand, and managed by the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), it's a program to teach kids about conservation....through art!
- Art is submitted to the Junior Duck Stamp Contest, and a duck stamp is created from the winning piece!
- Every year, kids K-12 help the FWS by creating works of art to enter in the Contest! Take a look at these:

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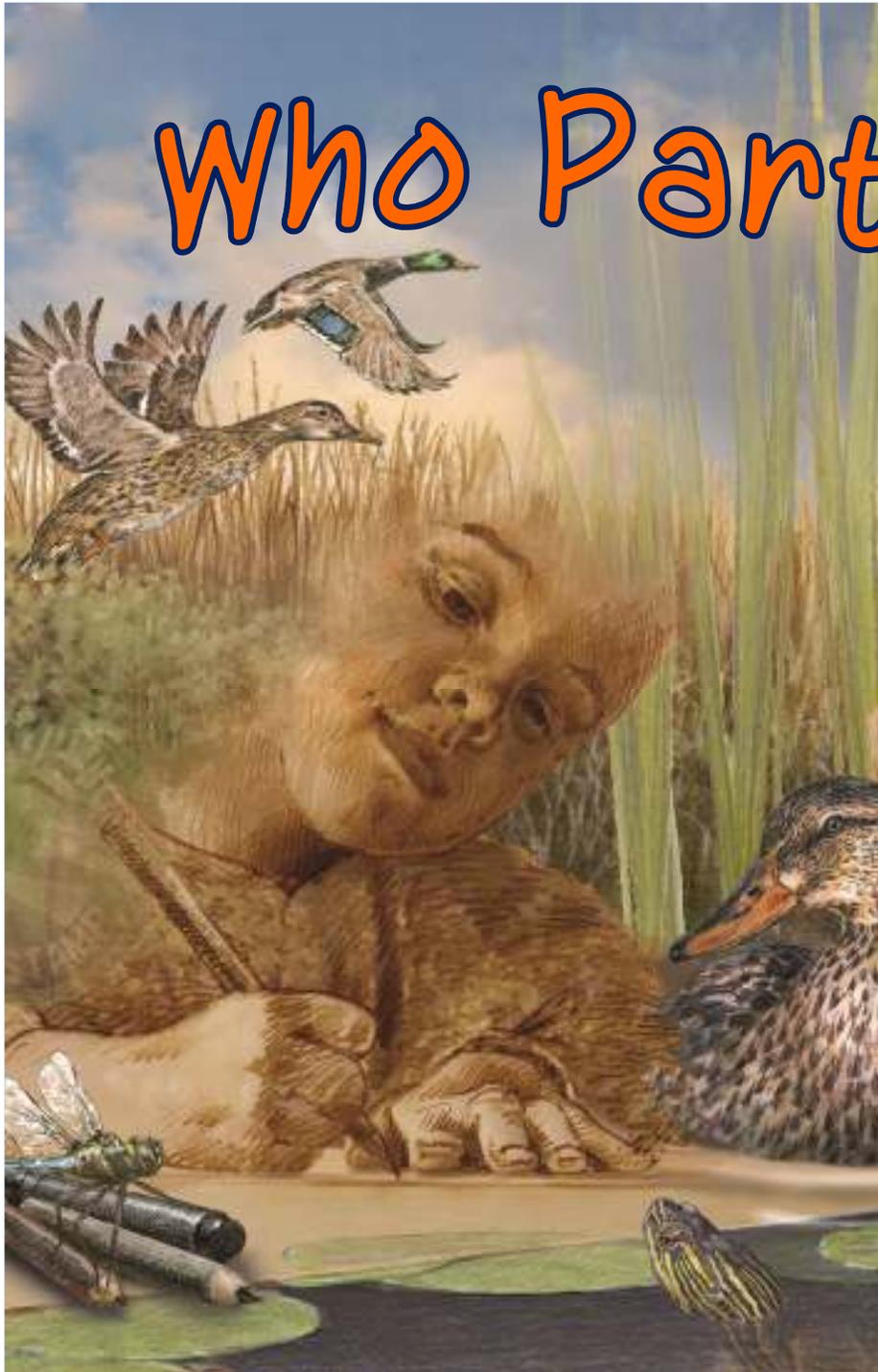








# Who Participates?



- Anyone (K-12) living in the U.S. or U.S. territories!
- Last year 32,000 kids entered!
- This year **YOU** CAN ENTER!!

# But WHAT is a Junior Duck Stamp?



Created by kids, the stamp sells for \$5 at USPS, sporting good stores, and some refuges.



The stamp is for revenue, not for postage.



Proceeds from the stamp benefit environmental education.

# Steps to the Stamp

1. Learn about wetland conservation
2. Research / Preparation
3. Create your artwork!
4. State contests/awards
5. National contests/awards
6. Stamp is created! 1st day of Sales!



# 1. Learn about Conservation/Waterfowl

**WATERFOWL** are birds that swim on water... like ducks and geese!

**CONSERVATION** is how we manage and take care of wildlife and natural resources.

**REFUGES** are places waterfowl can hang out for the summer, for the winter, or between flights!

But **WHY** is this important?



## 2. Research/Preparation

Flying cross-country is hard! Waterfowl **NEED** refuges to stop, eat, breed and hang out! That's why it's **OUR** responsibility to conserve wetlands!

*Look at all those  
refuges!*

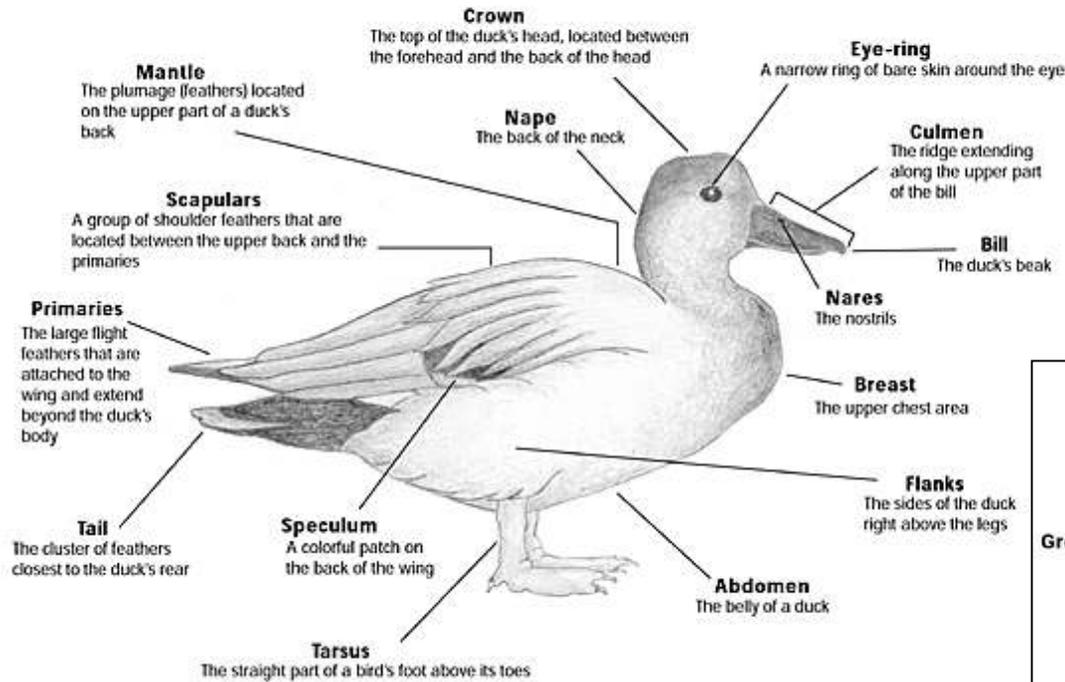


Choose a waterfowl species for your entry and learn what it looks like, how it migrates, where it lives, and what it eats!!

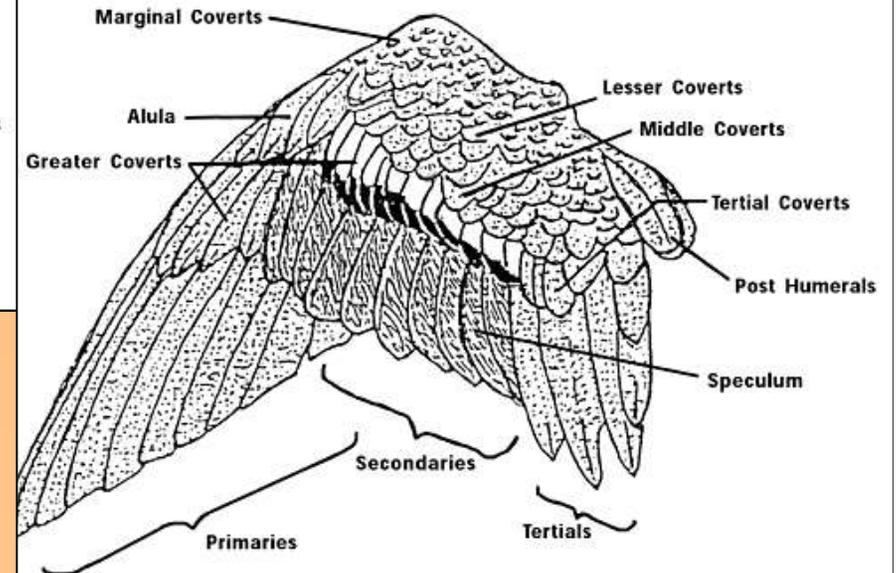
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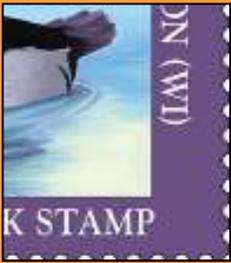
It's time for everyone to draw! If you don't know how, here's a quick lesson!

## Parts of a Duck



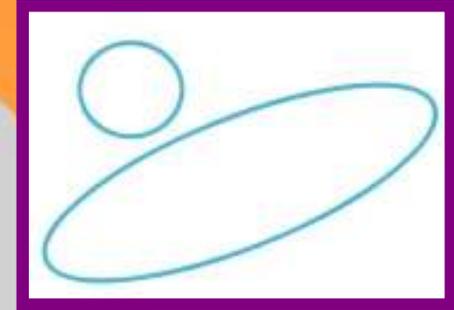
## Parts of a Wing



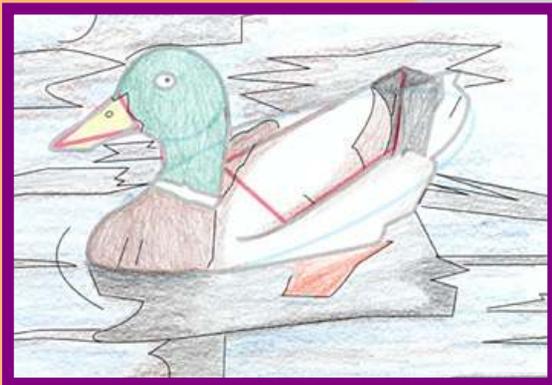
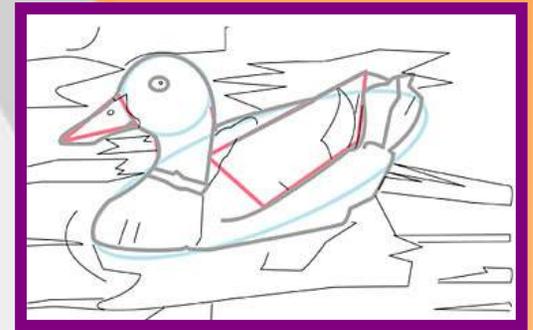
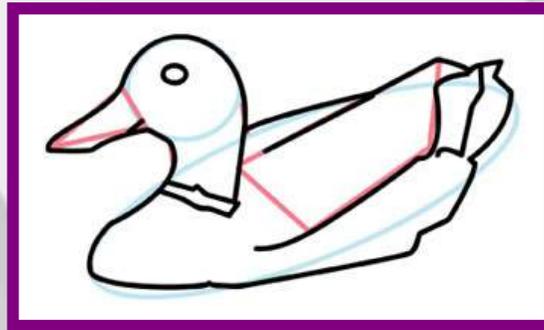
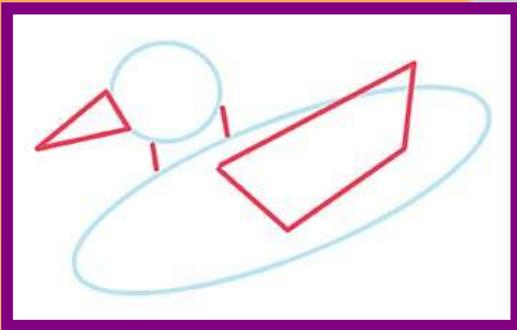


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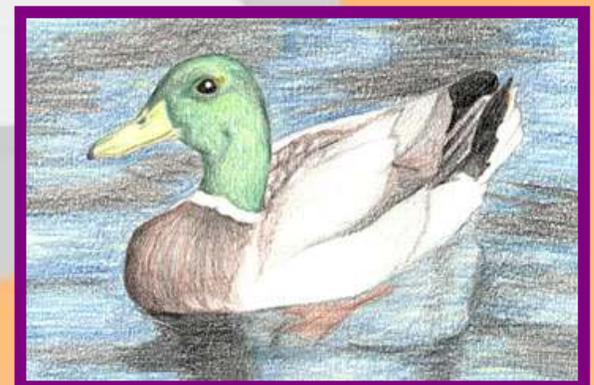
Basic shapes are a great way to start your piece:

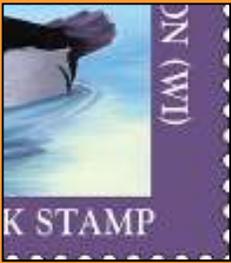


Add lines to create background and shape:



Then add color and shadow!



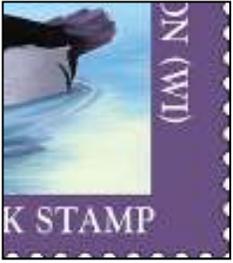


### 3. Create your artwork!

Don't just copy someone else's artwork, you will be disqualified!



Instead, look at artwork for ideas and motivation only!



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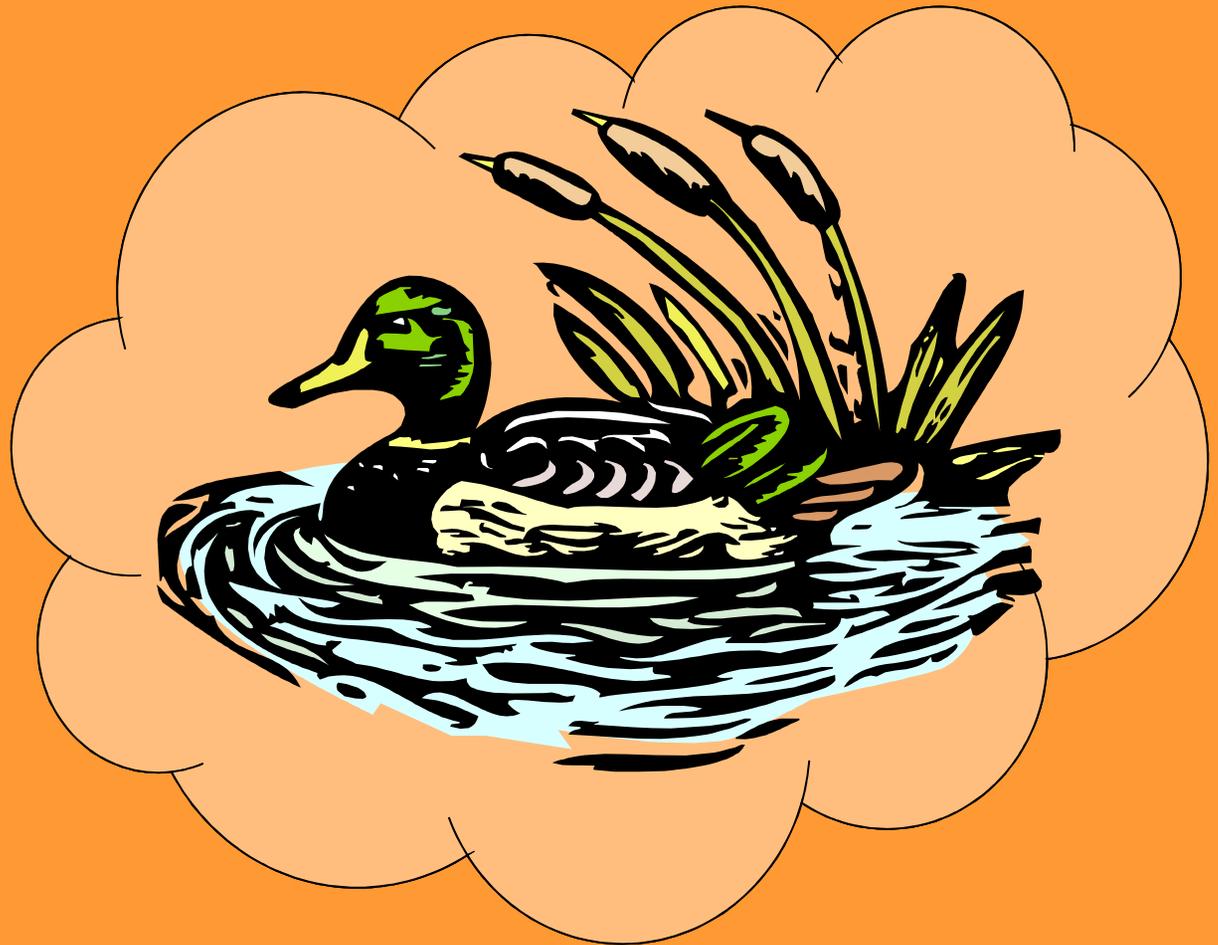
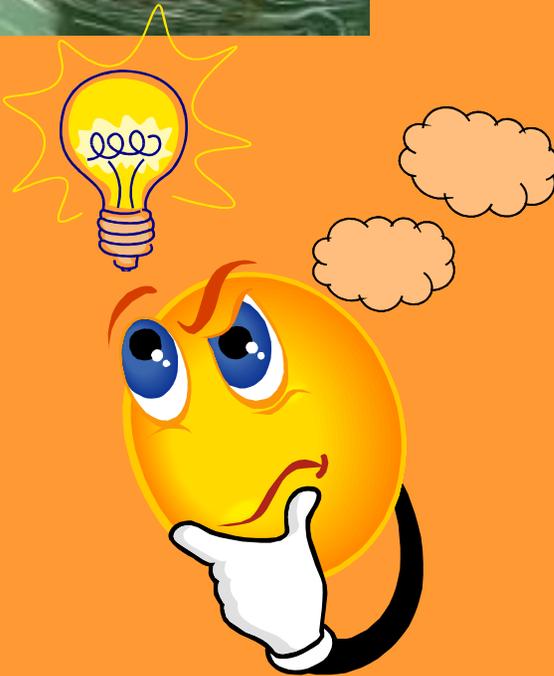
Go outside, observe ducks. Watch what they do

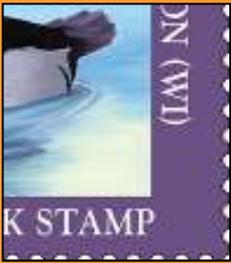
Take a sketch pad or a camera to capture your ideas!



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Sure, looking at artwork is a great way to brainstorm - it helps you create awesome ideas of your own!





### ***3. Create your artwork!***

**And remember, it's up to YOU to make your piece as creative and realistic as possible!**

**Just make sure you don't copy anyone else's work- that means artists, photographers, or friends!**

**Have fun and remember that YOU are doing your part to promote wetland conservation!**



# 4. State Contests/Awards

★ 4 age groups

★ Awards are given in each:

**K-3**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
(3)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
(3)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
(3)**



**4-6**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
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**7-9**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
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**10-12**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
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## 4. State Contests/Awards

One Best of Show entry is selected from each state...



And is sent to the National Competition!

# 5. National Contests/Awards

Includes ONE Best of Show from each state or territory . . .

All entries are judged...

And prizes are awarded!

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** \$5,000 cash award, free trip to Washington, DC to attend the First Day of Sales Ceremony, along with art teacher, one parent/guardian, and the State Coordinator!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** \$3000 cash award!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** \$2000 cash award!



# 6. Stamp is Created! First Day of Sales!

- The winning art becomes the next Federal Junior Duck Stamp!

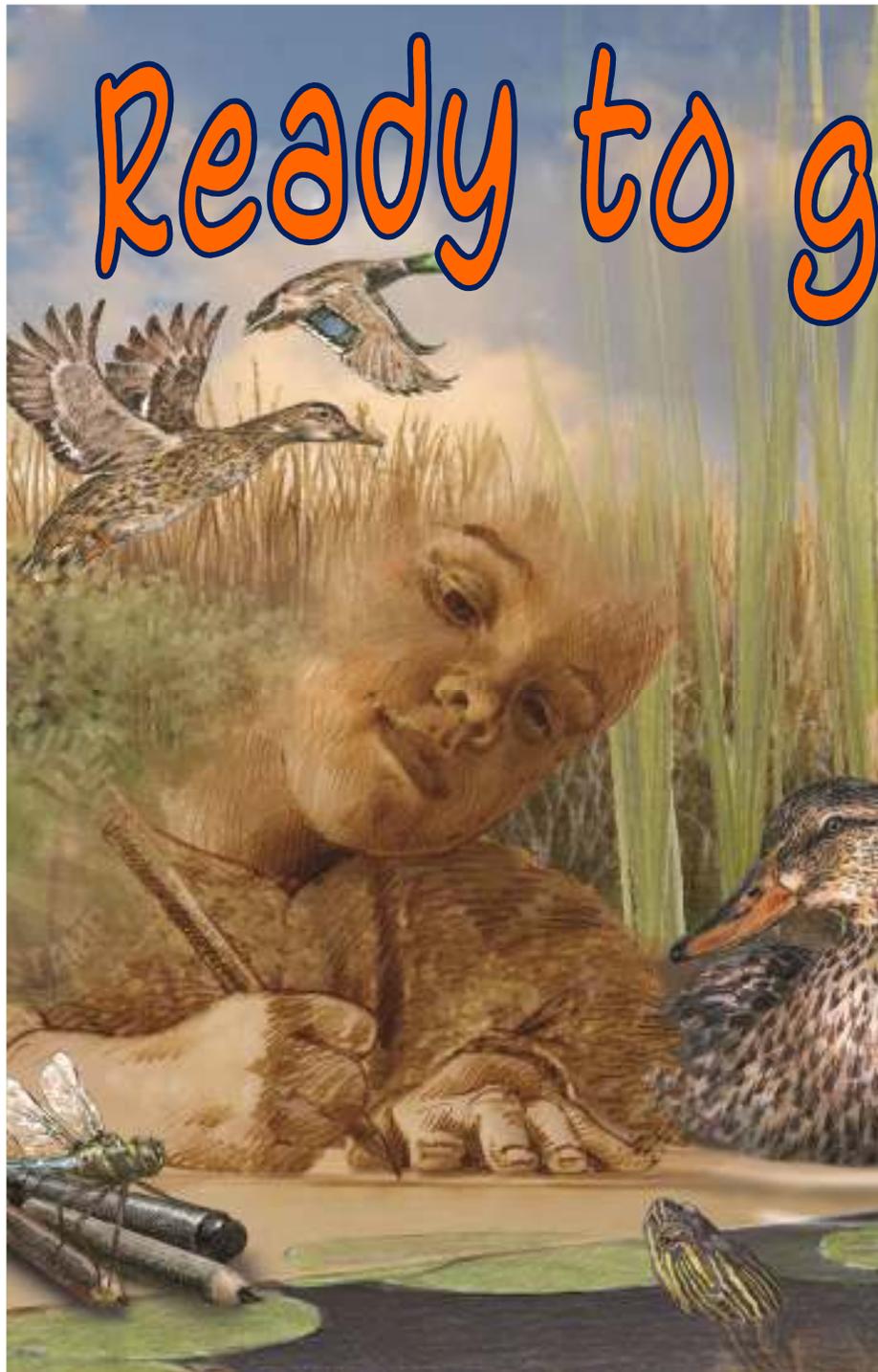


- Stamps sell for \$5 and support environmental education!

- ALL art is returned



- EVERYONE who enters is recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation!



# Ready to get started?

**Contact the South Carolina  
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