



## 2021 Ocean Awareness Contest

### A CREATIVE CHALLENGE FOR TEENS WORLDWIDE

The global Ocean Awareness Contest is a platform for young people to learn about ocean issues through art-making and creative communication, and where teens can explore their relationship to a changing world and become advocates for environmental action. Students ages 11-18 from are invited to participate.

### THEME

#### WATER RISING

**The ocean makes life on Earth possible.** The ocean regulates global climate, produces more than half of the oxygen we breathe, and holds nearly 97% of Earth's water. Global ocean systems largely influence life on land, even hundreds of miles from a coastline. Salt, fresh, warm, or cold, all water is connected through the water cycle.

**We live on a water planet.** Like our human bodies, 70% of Earth is water, and this water is continuously in motion: it rises from the ocean, creates clouds in the sky, and returns to land as rain or snow. This precipitation soaks into the ground; collects in freshwater streams and lakes; is taken up by trees and plants; and sustains every living being it encounters on its journey—bacteria, fish, insects, birds, mammals, and of course, humans. When you drink water, you are consuming water molecules that have been around the world, cycling through Earth's ecosystems for billions of years. All life needs water, and where there is water, there is life.

The 2021 Ocean Awareness Contest theme WATER RISING challenges students to explore and understand their connection to water, and to creatively communicate the need to protect this vital resource. **What are the stories we need to tell about water to sustain and conserve it for current and future generations of life on Earth?**

Submit online at: [bowseat.org/contest](https://bowseat.org/contest)

## WATER RISING Prompts

The 2021 Ocean Awareness Contest theme is WATER RISING. Your submission(s) should respond to one of the following prompts:

1. **PROMPT 1:** Global warming affects the water cycle, fueling extreme weather events, such as hurricanes and droughts. Warming seas are also contributing to sea level rise around the world. Whether too much or too little, water is the primary way we will feel the effects of climate change. How do you feel the effects of climate change where you live? How will this change within your lifetime?
2. **PROMPT 2:** We are all interconnected through water. What does it mean to be up- or downstream from one another? Where does your water come from, and what is the journey it takes to get to you?
3. **PROMPT 3:** Though water is a basic human right, more than 1 billion people do not have access to clean and safe water worldwide. Access to clean water is increasingly threatened by pollution, privatization, and climate change, but these threats do not impact us all equally. Water contamination and environmental injustice overwhelmingly affect Indigenous communities, people of color, and the poor. How is water a lens through which we can understand and fight for justice? Consider water as a mirror of our society—it reflects back to us who we are. What do you see in the mirror?
4. **PROMPT 4:** Clean water is not only necessary to sustain human communities, but all life on Earth. There are many movements rising up to protect water and all those who depend on it. Who has historically led these movements? Who (and what—for example, policies) are our water protectors?
5. **PROMPT 5:** Think about the role that water plays in your life, and how that ripples out to connections in your community, society, and the world. What memories do you have of water? What is your water story?

### Submissions accepted in:

- Visual Art
- Creative Writing
- Film
- Interactive & Multimedia
- Performing Arts: Music & Dance
- Poetry & Spoken Word

## WHO MAY ENTER

Students from around the world are invited to participate in the Ocean Awareness Contest. Enter the division based on your age at the time of entry:

- **Junior Division:** Age 11-14
- **Senior Division:** Age 15-18

Students can participate as an individual or as a club, class, or group of any size.

All students must provide the contact information for an adult sponsor (teacher, parent, mentor, etc.).

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

- **Gain knowledge** about water's importance to all life on Earth. Dive into Bow Seat's Resource Studio to learn more about water and its connection to climate change, health, justice, and culture; find artists and organizations taking action to protect our blue planet; and discover ways that you can get involved in conserving our planet's most vital resource.
- **Grow your skills** in communication, critical thinking, creativity, and environmental advocacy. Use your artwork to raise awareness for critical issues impacting our blue planet.
- **Build your portfolio** and make art in your preferred medium, or practice a new one! Add to your resume with a participation certificate.
- **Showcase your talents worldwide.** Through art exhibitions, publications, social media campaigns, and scholarships, Bow Seat uplifts diverse youth voices to advance dialogue and participation in ocean conservation and advocacy.
- **Join Bow Seat's global community** of 18,000+ young people who care about the ocean, environmental justice, and climate action. Be inspired by the work of other young creators around the world.
- **Be eligible for special opportunities**, like the Future Blue Youth Council, a diverse group of young people working together to advance Bow Seat's mission and to empower fellow peers to advocate for the environment.
- **Earn cash awards** of up to \$1,500!

### Creativity is Power

You play an important role in shaping the future world. Your creative voice has the ability to: expose what is happening to our oceans and what may, or will, happen; question the societal norms that have brought us to this point; reflect and reshape what it means to be a human in the 21st century; discover and advocate for solutions; and persuade others to take action.

## AWARDS

Awards will be given in each of the categories at both the Junior and Senior divisions:

	Junior Division	Senior Division
<b>Gold Award</b>	\$1,000	\$1,500
<b>Silver Award</b>	\$750	\$1,000
<b>Bronze Award</b>	\$250	\$500
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	\$50	\$100

### Special Awards Offered in 2021

Visit [bowseat.org/contest](http://bowseat.org/contest) for more information.

#### Bay State Award (Massachusetts students only)

All students who reside in Massachusetts will be automatically considered for the Bay State Award, a special recognition to celebrate the creative young artists, thinkers, and activists in our home state! From the Housatonic River to the Quabbin Reservoir to the Atlantic Ocean, water connects us all and plays a wicked important role in the Commonwealth's economy, culture, and health of our human and non-human residents. Up to 3 winners in each age division will each receive a \$250 cash scholarship.

#### Hometown Award

This award recognizes talented students in Bow Seat's hometown of Boston, Massachusetts. Eligible participants must demonstrate financial need. Up to 3 winners in each age division will each receive a \$250 cash scholarship.

#### Bay State Award (Massachusetts students only)

Thanks to the generosity of the Island Foundation—which is committed to the conservation of marine and coastal resources in southeastern Massachusetts—we will be offering one \$250 cash scholarship in each age division to participants who reside on the South Coast of Massachusetts, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, or Nantucket.

### Publishing, Exhibitions, and Special Opportunities

As a winner, you may have a special opportunity to showcase your talents worldwide while raising awareness of ocean issues to a broader community. Bow Seat organizes art exhibitions, pop up art shows, and social media campaigns; curates anthologies of art and poetry; and finds opportunities to publish student writing. As part of Bow Seat's student collection, your creative piece will help to educate and inspire audiences to take action!

## Step 1: Review & Research

### Review the Theme & Prompts

The Ocean Awareness Contest theme changes every year. Be sure to review the description of the 2021 theme, WATER RISING, before starting your piece. Submissions are judged based on how well they address the annual theme. Your submission should respond to one of the prompts listed on Page 2.

### Read the Rules

This is an international contest open to students ages 11-18. Make sure you read all of the Contest rules, submission requirements, and other details before you get started.

### Do Your Research & Get Inspired

We have many resources on our website to help you get started on your submission. Explore Bow Seat's Resource Studio—a unique, curated space that includes inspirational artwork, journalistic media, primary literature, interactive quizzes, videos, and more—to learn about water's connection to climate change, health, justice, and culture; find artists and organizations taking action for our blue planet; and discover how you can get involved in protecting our most vital resource. Visit [bowseat.org/resources](https://bowseat.org/resources).

### Contest Deadline

The 2021 Ocean Awareness Contest deadline is Monday, June 14, 2021, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET). Visit [bowseat.org/participate](https://bowseat.org/participate) to submit online.

## Step 2: Create

**Please review all submission requirements carefully.**

### Submission Categories

Please review all submission requirements carefully. Students may submit one entry per category, meaning that you may enter up to six pieces, one in each category. If you submit more than one entry in a category (for example, two poems), additional entries will not be counted or judged.

## Visual Art

Visual Art submissions may include:

- Drawing & illustration
- Painting
- Sculpture
- Graphic design
- Digital art, coding art & GIFs
- Mixed media & collage
- Printmaking
- Photography
- Ceramics
- Fashion & jewelry
- Data visualization & infographics
- Visit our student gallery for examples of visual art: [bowseat.org/gallery](https://bowseat.org/gallery)

### Submission Requirements:

- Accepted file types: JPG, PNG, GIF, or PDF.
- You may submit up to 3 images (different angles or details) of your submission.
- Make sure your files are high resolution, not crooked, and can easily be viewed.

**Reflection (required):** All submissions must include a written reflection (artist's statement) of at least 100. This will be a separate question on the submission form.

**Works Cited (if applicable):** Include a bibliography (any style) crediting sources and citing any ideas, facts, quotes, or existing media used in your artwork that are not your own.

We encourage you to learn from and be inspired by other environmental artists and designers as you create your piece. If your submission is influenced by someone else's work of art, or if your submission uses someone else's image/artwork/photograph as a reference, you must give credit to the original source in the works cited section.

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## Creative Writing

Submissions may include fiction (e.g., short stories) or creative nonfiction (e.g., personal narratives, blog posts, or journalistic writing). Visit our student gallery for examples of creative writing: [bowseat.org/gallery](https://bowseat.org/gallery)

### Submission Requirements:

- Document should be in 12-point type, Times New Roman font; double-spaced with 1-inch margins.
- Include the title of your work at the beginning of this document. Do not include identifying information such as student name and school.
- Accepted file types: Word documents (.doc or .docx) or PDF.
- Your submission must be written in English.
- Submission length:
  - Junior Division: Up to 3 pages (approximately 750 words)
  - Senior Division: Up to 5 pages (approximately 1,250 words)

**Reflection (required):** All submissions must include a written reflection (artist’s statement) of at least 100 words. This will be a separate question on the submission form.

**Works Cited (if applicable):** Use in-text citations (parenthetical or footnotes, in any style) and include a bibliography (any style) for any ideas, facts, and quotes that are not your own. Works cited are not included in submission length.

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## Film

Submissions may include (but are not limited to) narrative films, live action films, hand-drawn or computer-generated animation, documentaries, or experimental film. Visit our student gallery for examples of film: [bowseat.org/gallery](http://bowseat.org/gallery)

### Submission Requirements:

- Films must be 2-4 minutes in length.
- Upload your film to YouTube or Vimeo and provide the public URL on the submission form. Ensure that your video is not private.
- Include a title and credits in the film itself for any information, images, audio, or video clips that are not your own. Bow Seat encourages you to use original, copyright-free, or public domain images, footage, and music.
- Name your film as “2021 Ocean Awareness Contest – Film Title”
- Your submission must be in English or have English subtitles if narration is in a language other than English.

**Reflection (required):** All submissions must include a written reflection (artist’s statement) of at least 100 words. This will be a separate question on the submission form.

**Works Cited (if applicable):** Include a bibliography (any style) crediting sources and citing any ideas, facts, quotes, or existing media used in your work that are not your own.

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## Interactive & Multimedia

The Interactive & Multimedia category invites submissions that integrate creative communication and interactive or participatory elements, or which combine three or more of the other submission categories. Visit our student gallery for examples of interactive and multimedia: [bowseat.org/gallery](http://bowseat.org/gallery)

Submissions may include, but are not limited to:

- Websites or Apps
- Social Media Campaigns
- Games (video games or board games)
- Installations
- Podcasts

*Note: Digital paintings and graphic design should be submitted in the Visual Art category. Animated films should be submitted in the Film category. Please contact us if you have questions about Interactive & Multimedia submissions.*

### Submission Requirements:

- Interactive & Multimedia submissions must include a short written description of your concept or description of use (for example: instructions of app use; gameplay summary; description of viewer interaction; or description of how the submission combines multiple categories or media forms). This will be a separate question on the submission form.
- You must provide up to 5 images, screenshots, or supporting text documents that illustrate your work. Accepted file types: JPG, PDF, PNG, GIF, or Word (.doc or .docx).
- You may also provide a link to browser-based works, as well as a video of gameplay or demonstrating projects in use (optional). If provided, videos must be shorter than 5 minutes and uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo (ensure they are not private).
- Audio files in MP3 format may also be uploaded (optional). If you are creating a podcast, we recommend an episode length of 5-15 minutes, and you must provide a written script.

**Reflection (required):** All submissions must include a written reflection (artist's statement) of at least 100 words. This will be a separate question on the submission form.

**Works Cited (if applicable):** Include a bibliography (any style) crediting sources and citing any ideas, facts, quotes, or existing media used in your work that are not your own.



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## Performing Arts: Music & Dance

Submissions may be original compositions or song parodies in any musical genre, or dance performances in any style. Visit our student gallery for examples of music and dance: [bowseat.org/gallery](https://bowseat.org/gallery)

### Submission Requirements:

- Record a video of yourself performing the work. The video may include other images or video, but must contain footage of your performance\* or composition process. (\*Screen captures of digital instruments are acceptable for electronic or digital music.)
- Submissions should be 2-4 minutes in length.
- Upload your performance to YouTube or Vimeo and provide the public URL on the submission form. Ensure that your video is not private.
- Name your film as “2021 Ocean Awareness Contest –Title”
- If your Music submission has lyrics, you must upload a Word (.doc or .docx) or PDF document of your song lyrics (in English). You may include lyrics as captions in the video (recommended). If your song is performed in a language other than English, you must provide an English translation of the lyrics.
- Include a title and credits in the video for any information, images, audio, or video clips that are not your own. Bow Seat encourages you to use original, copyright-free, or public domain images, footage, and music.

**Reflection (required):** All submissions must include a written reflection (artist’s statement) of at least 100 words. This will be a separate question on the submission form.

**Works Cited (if applicable):** Include a bibliography (any style) crediting sources and citing any ideas, facts, or quotes used in your work that are not your own. If you create a song parody, you must clearly credit the original songwriter. Bow Seat encourages you to use original, copyright-free, or public domain images, footage, and music.

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## Poetry & Spoken Word

Submissions may be free or formal verse, or spoken word poetry. Visit our student gallery for examples of poetry: [bowseat.org/gallery](https://bowseat.org/gallery)

### Submission Requirements:

- Format your submission in 12-point type, Times New Roman font, single-spaced with 1-inch margins.

- Include the title of your poem at the top of the page. Do not include identifying information such as student name and school.
- Accepted file types: Word documents (.doc or .docx) or PDF.
- Your submission must be written in English.
- Submission length:
  - Junior Division: no more than 1 page
  - Senior Division: no more than 2 pages

**Reflection (required):** All submissions must include a written reflection (artist's statement) of at least 100 words. This will be a separate question on the submission form.

**Works Cited (if applicable):** Include a bibliography (any style) crediting sources and citing any ideas, facts, or quotes used in your work that are not your own. Works cited are not included in submission length.

**Spoken Word Video (optional):** You may include a video of you performing your poem. You must upload your video to YouTube or Vimeo and provide the video URL in your online submission form. Please ensure that your video is not private. Do NOT submit a Word or PDF document with a link to the video.

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### Write Your Reflection

A written reflection is required to accompany your submission, regardless of category. It is like the introduction to a book or an artist's statement in a museum. The judges will not lower your score for a poorly written reflection, but writing a thoughtful and personal reflection will certainly help the judges understand you and your work better, and you will likely do better in the Ocean Awareness Contest!

Your reflection should describe 1) your creative process and 2) what you have learned through your exploration of the Ocean Awareness Contest theme, WATER RISING. Use the following questions to guide your writing:

- What inspired your work?
- What feelings did the process of creating (art, writing, film, music, dance, interactive/multimedia) raise for you?
- What is your message to viewers of your artwork?
- After doing research on water, what have you learned?
- What action(s) will you personally take now that you've learned about this vital resource and the need to sustain and conserve it?

### Reflection Requirements:

- Length: Minimum of 100 words
- Your reflection must be written in English.

## Step 3: Submit

Students must create an account and submit their work through our online system. If you are submitting multiple works, you only need to create one account. Bow Seat cannot accept submissions via email or physical mail. Visit [bowseat.org/contest](https://bowseat.org/contest) to access the submission platform. **Preview the submission form on Page 15.**

**The Ocean Awareness Contest deadline is June 14, 2021.**

### Submission Checklist:

- Your contact information
- Your submission (Visual Art, Creative Writing, Film, Interactive & Multimedia, Performing Arts: Music & Dance, Poetry & Spoken Word)
- A title for your submission
- Your written reflection
- Works cited (if applicable): List of sources for any ideas, quotes, or facts used that are not your own
- Contact information for an adult sponsor (required for all participants)
- Parent/guardian consent (required if under 13 years old). See pages 17-18 for more information.

Once you make an account and start a submission, you will have the opportunity to save your work and continue at another time.

**Teachers:** You may create a single account under your name and submit multiple entries on behalf of your class, but you must submit separate entries for each individual student, unless they are participating as a group.

## Step 4: Connect & Continue

### Share Your Work

Thank you for participating! You are part of Bow Seat's global community of nearly 18,000 young people and counting who are using their creative voices to speak up for our blue planet.

Share this opportunity with other artists, writers, filmmakers, musicians, dancers, digital media mavens, environmental activists, and ocean lovers you know! By giving young people an opportunity to think creatively about conservation and environmental justice, and a platform for you to express your ideas, we hope to create a wave of awareness and impact around the world. Tag us [@fromthebowseat](https://twitter.com/fromthebowseat) if you share your work online so we can spread the love!

## JUDGING

**The 2021 Ocean Awareness Contest results will be announced in November 2021. Winners and their sponsors will be notified via email before the results are publicly announced.**

Bow Seat judges are artists, writers, teachers, scientists, and of course, ocean-lovers! Each year, we also invite a cohort of Bow Seat student alumni and emerging artists to participate in Contest judging. Meet the team at [bowseat.org/about/our-team](https://bowseat.org/about/our-team).

Judges consider:

- How well submissions address the annual theme of the Contest;
- Demonstration of artistic voice, originality, and imagination;
- Craftsmanship, including quality, technique, and skill in chosen medium; attention to detail; and accuracy in communicating issues; and
- If a submission meets category requirements (such as length, file type, etc.).

Judging begins immediately after the Contest ends, and we take the time to fairly judge each and every entry to the Contest. We receive thousands of entries, and our team of judges puts in thousands of hours of cumulative work each year reviewing your submissions.

We know that you're anxious to hear Contest results. We take an enormous amount of pride in the care we put into the Contest, and we appreciate your patience as we continue to do so!

## INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS & SPONSORS

All student participants are required to provide the contact information for an Adult Sponsor. This can be a teacher, parent, guardian, mentor, coach, or other supporting adult.

Whether you are a teacher who assigned the Contest as a class project, a parent helping your child explore their creative potential, or an adult who was asked to be a sponsor for a student submitting on their own, your responsibilities are simple: all we need is to be able to contact you in case we have problems getting in touch with your sponsored student.

When your student submits their work, they will be asked to provide your name and email address. You will receive a confirmation email once they submit so that you can have it on record as well.

We have many resources in our new Resource Studio—including articles, lesson plans, and videos—to help you and your student learn more about issues related to climate change and our ocean, and to support project inspiration and planning. Visit [bowseat.org/resources](https://bowseat.org/resources).

**For Sponsors of Participating Students Under the Age of 13:** Parent/Guardian Consent Forms (Page 17) are required for any participating student under the age of 13. On the first page of the online Contest submission form, select “Yes” to the question “Are you under 13 years old?” and choose an option:

1. Provide Consent Electronically. This option sends an electronic Consent Letter to the parent or guardian specified for an e-signature.
2. Upload Parent/Guardian Consent Form. This option allows you to upload a signed version of the PDF form. If you would like to upload multiple Consent Forms, combine all forms into one PDF or email the individual forms to us (see below).
3. Email Parent/Guardian Consent Form. Choose this option if you would like to email us at [info@bowseat.org](mailto:info@bowseat.org) one or multiple signed Consent Forms, and we will add them to the student’s submission.

### **Educator Innovation Awards**

Many of our sponsors are teachers who effectively and creatively bring the Contest into their classrooms, teaching entire groups of students about ocean issues and empowering them to be stewards of our blue planet, while meeting important educational standards. To recognize their efforts, Bow Seat grants nomination-based Educator Innovation Awards of \$750. Visit [bowseat.org/resources/for-teachers](https://www.bowseat.org/resources/for-teachers) for details.

## **Rules & Eligibility**

### **Competition Period**

All submissions must be received by June 14, 2021, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET) to be considered in the 2021 Ocean Awareness Contest. The online platform will close automatically at the Contest deadline. Please plan accordingly!

### **Who May Enter**

- This is an international Contest and is open to students ages 11-18 who are enrolled in middle school or high school (or the homeschool equivalent) worldwide. Proof of age, identity, or eligibility may be required.
- Students ages 11-14 may enter the Junior Division. Students ages 15-18 may enter the Senior Division. Please enter the age division based on your age at the time of entry.
- Participants under the age of 13 must have a parent or legal guardian complete a Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) Parent/Guardian Consent Form with their submission. See Pages 16-17.

- Entries may be submitted by an individual or group of unlimited size. If you submit as a group, there must be one group leader who will serve as the contact person for the group. All of the names of the group members must be listed in the submission. Award money will be split evenly among the group members.
- Any student may submit (i.e., have their name included in) only one entry per category. Therefore, a student may have a maximum of six different submissions, one in each category.

### **How to Enter**

- There is no fee to enter the Contest.
- Students must create an account and submit their work through our online system by the Contest deadline June 14, 2021 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time (ET). Bow Seat cannot accept submissions via email or physical mail.
- Students must provide the contact information for an Adult Sponsor: a teacher, parent, guardian, mentor, or other supporting adult.
- Entries submitted previously to the Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Contest will not be considered in the 2021 Contest. Submissions must be created during the 2020-21 academic year (or between July 2020 and June 2021).
- All entries must be the students' original work. While we recognize that existing sources will be used for inspiration and research, Bow Seat reserves the right to disqualify an entry at any time if we suspect or determine plagiarism.
- Entries must be submitted in English or have an English translation in order to be considered for judging.

### **Additional**

- By entering the Ocean Awareness Contest, you agree to Bow Seat's Terms of Use ([bowseat.org/terms-of-use](https://bowseat.org/terms-of-use)).
- Bow Seat promises to run this Contest fairly, ethically, and with integrity.
- All judging decisions are final.
- All winners and their sponsors will be notified by email before they are publicly announced.
- Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs reserves the right to use students' work for marketing and promotional purposes in any and all media.
- Winners will be required to verify their eligibility by completing an Affidavit of Eligibility/Liability Release, and, where lawful, a Publicity Release during the award claim process.

# Submission Form Preview

To get started, create an account in [our online submission platform](#). If you are a teacher submitting on behalf of a class, or a student submitting in more than one category, you can use one account for multiple submissions. Please be sure to review all [Contest rules and guidelines](#) before starting your submission. **Deadline to submit: June 14, 2021.**

## **PAGE 1: PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Participant Full Name

Email Address We will use the Primary Contact email address for submission and winner notifications.

Are you participating as an individual or a group? Group member names and email addresses are required for group entries.

Category Visual Art/Creative Writing/Film/Interactive & Multimedia/Performing Arts: Music & Dance/Poetry & Spoken Word

Age Division Junior Division (Age 11-14) or Senior Division (Age 15-18)

Participant Age Parent/Guardian consent is required for students under the age of 13. See Page 16-17 for more information.

Hometown or City, U.S. State (if applicable), and Country

Demographic Information (optional) We ask for information on gender and ethnic identity to help us better understand who participates in our program.

## **PAGE 2: SCHOOL & SPONSOR INFORMATION**

School Name

Adult Sponsor Name and Email Address A sponsor can be any adult, but is typically a parent, guardian, or teacher. Your sponsor will receive a confirmation email when you submit to the Contest.

## **PAGE 3: SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Submission Title

Theme Prompt Choose a prompt listed on Page 2.

Medium and Dimensions Art Category only

Performing Arts: Music Genre and Lyrics **OR** Dance Style Performing Arts Category only

Upload Submission See [How to Enter page](#) for full category requirements

Description of Submission Interactive & Multimedia Category only; See [How to Enter page](#) for full category requirements

Film Link (YouTube or Vimeo) Film and Performing Arts required; Poetry and Interactive & Multimedia optional

Browser-Based Media Link Interactive & Multimedia Category, optional

Upload Audio File Interactive & Multimedia Category, optional. If you create a podcast, you must provide a written script.

Works Cited List the sources of any ideas, facts, media, or quotes used in your work that are not your own.

Reflection (minimum 100 words) Required. Your reflection should describe 1) your creative process and 2) what you have learned through your exploration of the Ocean Awareness Contest theme, *WATER RISING*.

## **PAGE 5: FINALIZE & SUBMIT**

Submissions may be saved as a draft in progress, but cannot be edited once they are finalized. Students and sponsors will receive an email confirmation upon successful submission.



## Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) Privacy Notice

*Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires that we gain verifiable consent for your child to participate in a Bow Seat-sponsored program. We are asking for your permission to retain your child's information (name, email, hometown, grade level, and school) and adult sponsor's (teacher, parent/guardian) name and email in order to track student participation, accept student submissions, notify winners, and distribute awards. If you consent, we may use your child's name, grade, and hometown (city, state (if USA) and/or city, country) in program-related outreach.*

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child is participating in a program hosted by Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs ("Bow Seat"), an educational nonprofit. Bow Seat's mission is to empower the next generation of ocean caretakers through art, science, and advocacy.

To participate, your child must provide his/her personal information (first and last name, email, grade level, hometown, and school); his/her project; and an adult sponsor's first and last name and email. Since your child is under the age of 13, the information collected will be kept confidential in compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

Bow Seat is the sole owner of all of the information that is collected.

- The personal information provided by the child is used to track program participation, accept student projects, notify program winners, and distribute awards.
- Only with parent/guardian consent, the child's name, grade, and hometown (city, state (if USA) and/or city, country) may be used to promote the program. This includes, but is not limited to, outreach via social media, websites, organizational literature, and at events.
- Bow Seat will not require a child to disclose more information than is reasonably necessary to participate in the program.
- No information will be disclosed to third parties.
- The parent can review the child's personal information, ask to have it deleted, and refuse to allow any further collection or use of the child's information.

Please complete the attached Parent/Guardian Consent Form. If you have any inquiries or concerns regarding Bow Seat's programming, please email [info@bowseat.org](mailto:info@bowseat.org).





## Parent/Guardian Consent Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME) (PRINT CHILD'S NAME)

have reviewed Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs' COPPA Privacy Notice. By signing below, I authorize my child to provide personal information for and to participate in a Bow Seat program.

By checking the "Yes" box below, I acknowledge that my child's name, grade, and hometown (city, state (if USA) and/or city, country) may be used to promote Bow Seat's programs.

- Yes**, my child's first and last name, grade, and hometown (city, state (if USA) and/or city, country) may be used to promote Bow Seat's programs.
  
- No**, my child's first and last name, grade, and hometown (city, state (if USA) and/or city, country) may not be used to promote Bow Seat's programs.

I also understand that it is important to provide accurate information on this consent form so that Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Programs may contact me.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:**

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**Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Email Address:**

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**Parent/Guardian Phone Number:**

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Please email this signed form to [info@bowseat.org](mailto:info@bowseat.org) or upload it with your student's submission on Bow Seat's online submission platform.