

Saving My Alachua™ Tips for Artwork Submission

Top 3 reasons artwork is disqualified:

1. **The artwork was drawn vertically (portrait)** – Winning artwork is framed and displayed horizontally (landscape), and the Saving My Alachua Calendar is also printed horizontally. We cannot accommodate artwork that doesn't follow this rule.
2. **The artwork was too large, too small, or 3 dimensional** – Same as above. Winning artwork is framed and professionally scanned if selected for the calendar, so we cannot accommodate larger/smaller sizes or 3 dimensional submissions. However, you can use certain multimedia techniques if they can lay flat and be scanned (for example, paper mosaic).
3. **The artwork does not reflect the local environment** – This is a tough one for so many of our young artists! Since the contest was created to highlight resources (plants and animals) and issues specific to Alachua County (hence the name "Saving My Alachua"), submissions must highlight local topics. Sorry, no lions, exotic birds, marine life, etc.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q1:** I love the ocean and dolphins. Can I draw a marine scene for this contest?
Answer: The Saving My Alachua contest was created to highlight resources (plants and animals) and issues specific to Alachua County. Since this is not a coastal county, oceans and marine life are not appropriate subjects.
- Q2:** Can I submit photographs?
Answer: No, photographs are not accepted.
- Q3:** Can I sign my artwork?
Answer: Yes, but, please keep signatures small and ideally locate them in a corner of the page. This is because the judging is done anonymously so we cover up any signatures with labels (if you sign in the middle of the page, the judges will see a blank label covering up part of your artwork). Signatures should be at least ½ inch from the margins for scanning.
- Q4:** The submission form asks for an "Original Artwork Title." What does that mean?
Answer: You can give your artwork an original title that fits your theme. Please do not simply list the topics on the contest flier as the title.

Tips for teachers and parents – please share these guidelines with your students and help them select a subject that is appropriate for the contest (local environment). You may want to plan a lesson to introduce local issues before introducing the contest, or plan a field trip to an Alachua County preserve so your students gain inspiration for their artwork. For the older grades (middle/high school), this contest could be assigned as extra credit to encourage participation.



Cut the entry form and tape it to the back of
your artwork