



Saving My Alachua

2021 Environmental Art Contest

Welcome to the 2021 Annual **Saving My Alachua** Environmental Art Contest. All Alachua County students enrolled in public, private, or home school grades K-12 are encouraged to create an artwork depicting their passion and ideas for being better stewards of our local environment.

Teachers/Parents: Discuss the importance of a healthy environment with children and talk about ways they can help keep it healthy. Artwork should reflect the student’s interest in the **local** environment (**be specific to Alachua County**) and address **one** of the following topics:

- ❖ Water Conservation
- ❖ Stormwater Pollution Prevention
- ❖ Natural Habitat Protection
- ❖ Wilderness and Wildlife Protection
- ❖ Proper Disposal of Toxic Waste

Students will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each grade category for K through 8th grade, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the High School category. Selected winners will be featured in the 2022 **Saving My Alachua** Calendar. All winning artwork will be displayed during the month of April 2021. All submissions will become the property of Alachua County and may be reproduced.

Contest Rules:

- Read the **TIPS FOR ARTWORK SUBMISSION!**
- Artwork must reflect the student’s interest in the **local** environment (**be specific to Alachua County**).
- Entries will be accepted from grades K-12.
- Submissions must be 8 ½” x 11” and must be presented horizontally (landscape).
- Artwork must be flat (no canvas or three dimensional objects attached).
- All artwork must be original. No photographs.
- One entry per artist.
- Attach the entry form below to the artwork (tape preferred; do not staple). Entries with incomplete, illegible information may be disqualified.
- **Deadline for artwork is February 5, 2021**

Entries can be mailed or hand delivered to:

Alachua County Environmental Protection Department
408 W. University Ave, Suite 106
Gainesville, FL 32601

For more information, contact Eliana Bardi, ebardi@alachuacounty.us, 352-264-6810 or visit <http://www.alachuacounty.us/depts/epd>

This project is neither endorsed nor sponsored by the Alachua County Public Schools.



2021 Saving My Alachua Art Contest Entry Form – Attach to Artwork

The information below will be used to contact you if your artwork is amongst the winners. Please print neatly.

Artist Name: _____ Grade: _____

Artwork Original Title (used in display and calendar): _____

School Name: _____

Please select one of the following: **A.** Completed as part of a group assignment (school or art club project) **B.** Individual student art project OR

If **A**, please provide: Teacher Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Please note: contact information for artist’s family (email address) will need to be provided if artwork is amongst the winners.

If **B**, please provide: Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address (notifications will be sent to this address): _____

Deadline for artwork is Friday, February 5, 2021

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