

2023 Crane-Inspired Creative Arts Scholarship Contest Rules

The Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition, Inc. (CCCC) invites all high school seniors in Routt and Moffat counties to submit an original piece of written or visual art inspired by our Rocky Mountain Population of Greater Sandhill Cranes to the CCCC Creative Arts Scholarship Contest.

The 2023 contest offers TWO categories of art:

- Category 1: Written Arts. A nonfictional essay or fictional story of 750-1500 words or a group of three poems.
- Category 2: Visual Arts. A painting, sketch, photograph, or digital art.

The work must be original and accurately reflect the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of our Rocky Mountain Greater Sandhill Cranes. CCCC will accept only one entry per student.

Scholarships

The First-Place winner in each category will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. The Second-Place winner in each category will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. An Honorable Mention winner from either of the categories will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The scholarship awards are contingent on the winner's acceptance into a continuing education institution. If the winner is not registered by November 1 of the year of the award, the scholarship will be awarded in sequence to a runner-up who qualifies.

Submission Rules and Deadline

The deadline for submission is Saturday **MARCH 25, 2023**. **No late entries will be accepted.**

On or before March 25, entrants are to send an email to info@coloradocranes.org with the following information: last name, first name, address (street or PO box), city, zip code, phone number, email address, school, category and subcategory (e.g., Category 1 Written Arts, Poetry) and title. Please also put the title on the work itself but do NOT include your name or any identifying information on the work in order to ensure impartial judging.

- For Category 1, attach a word document or pdf of the work to the email above.
- For Category 2, attach a photo of the piece to the email above. Additionally, the original piece must be framed and prepared for wall-hanging (with wire), and delivered to CCCC's office before March 31, 2023.



Each entry email will be acknowledged by Erin Gelling, CCCC's Program Director. A second email will go to entrants with details of arrangements for display at The Depot Art Center and for drop-off and pick-up of the work at CCCC's office. If entrants have any questions, please contact Erin Gelling by email at info@coloradocranes.org or by phone at 970-276-1933. CCCC's office is located at 141 9th Street, Steamboat Springs, CO.

Notes about the Contest

If possible, all entries will be displayed at The Depot Art Center in Steamboat Springs during the month of April 2023, including for the First Friday Art Walk on April 7.

The winners will be announced on CCCC's website, in various media, at the award assembly of each area high school, as well as from the podium during the 2023 Yampa Valley Crane Festival.

Judging will occur after March 25 and winners will be announced in May. Entrants are asked to pick up their entry from the CCCC office between May 1 and May 31, after which it will become the property of CCCC.

CCCC will have the right to use all submissions, with appropriate artist credit, for publicity purposes. Judges will be selected by the CCCC Board of Directors. Please note that CCCC may not give an award in a category if judges determine no entries are of sufficient quality or meet qualifications.

CCCC encourages Routt and Moffat County seniors to participate, learn, create, and enjoy!

CCCC thanks our generous donor, Gail Jensen, for making these scholarships possible.

Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition, Inc. (CCCC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that conserves and protects the Rocky Mountain Population of Greater Sandhill Cranes and their habitat using science and education to connect people with this iconic species. CCCC seeks to raise awareness of cranes and the threats they face today through the annual Yampa Valley Crane Festival, the Crane Nest Cam and videos, Crane Photo Contest, third-grade and community crane educational presentations, the First Crane Sighting Contest, the Crane Coloring Contest and the CCCC Crane-inspired Creative Arts Scholarship Contest for high school seniors. CCCC also sponsors an on-the-ground habitat improvement program called Crops for Cranes where CCCC works with ranchers/farmers and environmental organizations to leave grain crops for Sandhill Cranes during the fall just prior to migration.



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