



## Guidelines and Instructions for

### *Feathers, Flight, & Song*

## Art and Writing Contest, Grades K-8

### Important Contest Dates

- Entries are accepted beginning on **February 1, 2023**.
- The deadline for submitting original artwork and writing with completed contest applications is **February 23, 2023**.
- Prize winners will be announced on **March 30, 2023**.

### General Contest Instructions

- The contest is for students in grades K-8.
- **Artwork** and/or **writing** may be entered in the contest. Please read specific **Guidelines and Instructions** for each of these types of entries. Students may choose to enter one of each type, if desired.
- Participants must submit original artwork **along with the completed contest application**. There are four ways to do this: a school or teacher arranges for a pickup by a Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council (GINTC) volunteer, send through U.S. mail, arrange a drop off at the GINTC office, or drop off at the Galveston Children's Museum.
- Written work may be submitted as indicated above or may also be emailed along with the contest application to [artentry@gintc.org](mailto:artentry@gintc.org).
- **Any contest communication can be sent to [artentry@gintc.org](mailto:artentry@gintc.org)**. Communication will be with parents or teachers by email.
- Please read the **Important Contest Dates** listed in the box above. Note that the deadline for entries is **February 23, 2023**.
- **Twelve contest winners will be awarded prizes, four from each grade category. Winners from grades K-2 and 3-5 will receive passes to the Galveston Children's Museum for themselves and accompanying adult. Winners in grades 6-8 will receive a general gift card to Moody Gardens.**
- Select art and written entries will be included in the in-person gallery at FeatherFest April 20-21 and in the online gallery at [GalvestonFeatherFest.com](http://GalvestonFeatherFest.com).
- Teachers or parents will be notified via email by **March 30, 2023**, if a child's work is chosen as one of the prize winners in the art and writing contest.

## Artwork Guidelines and Instructions

- Participants are invited to create 2-dimensional artwork in a medium of their choice inspired by the theme: **Feathers, Flight, & Song**. The final piece must be basically flat and measure no larger than 9 x 12 inches to be considered. Some texture is ok to accommodate mixed media.
- All original artwork and contest applications should be submitted by **February 23, 2023**.
- **Artwork must have the title of the work, the name and grade of the student on the back along with the name of the school or location of participation.**
- All entries will be judged by grade level, arranged into three categories: grades K-2, grades 3-5 and grades 6-8.
- See below for instructions on how to submit an art entry.
- Select entries will be included in the in-person gallery at FeatherFest in April and the online gallery at [GalvestonFeatherFest.com](http://GalvestonFeatherFest.com).
- A team of judges will select the winners from the three categories.
- Contest winners will be announced on **March 30, 2023**.

## How to Submit an Art Entry

**Please follow these instructions to submit an art entry.**

1. Participants must submit original artwork along with the contest application for participation. There are four ways to do this:
  - A school or teacher arranges for a pickup by a Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council (GINTC) volunteer
  - Send through U.S. mail to  
Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council  
P.O. Box 1468  
Galveston, TX 77553-1468
  - Call GINTC at 409-789-8125 to arrange a drop off time at the GINTC office
  - Drop off at the front desk of the Galveston Children's Museum on the ground floor of the Moody Mansion, 2618 Broadway Avenue J, Galveston, TX 77550
2. For more information, visit the FeatherFest website at [galvestonfeatherfest.com/childrens-art-contest/](http://galvestonfeatherfest.com/childrens-art-contest/) or call 409-789-8125.

## Writing Guidelines and Instructions

- Participants are invited to create a written piece of their choice inspired by the theme: ***Feathers, Flight, & Song***.
- Written pieces may be one of the following: short story (fiction), poetry, song, letter, or non-fiction essay.
- Entries should not exceed two pages, handwritten or typed. Typed entries should be double spaced.
- **Written work should have a title, name and grade of the student, along with the name of the school or location of participation.**
- Written work must be submitted along with the contest application by **February 23, 2023**.
- All entries will be judged by grade levels, arranged into three categories: grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8.
- See below for instructions on how to submit a written entry.
- Select entries will be included in the in-person gallery at FeatherFest and the online gallery at [GalvestonFeatherFest.com](http://GalvestonFeatherFest.com).
- A team of judges will select the winners from the three categories.
- Contest winners will be announced on **March 30, 2023**.

## How to Submit a Written Entry

**Please follow these instructions to submit your student's writing entry.**

1. Written work typed on a computer and saved to a file may be sent to [artentry@gintc.org](mailto:artentry@gintc.org) as an email attachment along with the contest application. Please include Student's Name, Title of Piece, Grade Level, and name of School or place of participation in the email subject line.
2. Handwritten pieces may be scanned and uploaded to a computer as a PDF, saved as a file, and sent as an email attachment along with the contest application.
3. Handwritten pieces may also be sent by U.S. mail with the contest application to the following address:  
Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council  
P.O. Box 1468  
Galveston, TX 77553-1468
4. A school or teacher may arrange for a pickup by a Galveston Island Nature Tourism Council (GINTC) volunteer
4. Call GINTC at 409-789-8125 to arrange a drop-off for the written work and the contest application to the GINTC office.
5. Drop off at the front desk of the Galveston Children's Museum on the ground floor of the Moody Mansion, 2618 Broadway Avenue J, Galveston, TX 77550
6. For more information, visit the FeatherFest website at [galvestonfeatherfest.com/childrens-art-contest/](http://galvestonfeatherfest.com/childrens-art-contest/) or call 409-789-8125.