

FLORIDA 4-H RECYCLED ART CONTEST

About: Dive into creativity while making a splash for the planet! The Recycled Art Contest invites youth to explore the wonders of aquatic and marine ecosystems through imaginative artwork made entirely from recycled materials. This is your chance to turn trash into treasure and raise awareness about protecting our state waters!

Winning art pieces will be selected from each of the following categories: Cloverbud (ages 5-7), Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (ages 11-13), and Senior (ages 14-18).

Objectives:

- Encourage environmental awareness and stewardship among youth.
- Promote creative reuse of materials to reduce waste.
- Foster understanding of aquatic and marine ecosystems.
- Inspire action to protect our oceans, rivers, and lakes.

Participation Requirements:

- Age 5-18 as of September 1 of the current 4-H year.
- Enrolled in Florida 4-H.
- No team entries, only individuals.
- One entry per youth is allowed.
- Youth DO NOT need to attend/register for the Aquatic & Marine Ecosystems (A&ME) Contest at 4-H Camp Timpoochee to submit an entry to the recycled art contest.

Guidelines:

- All artwork must be made entirely from recycled, reused, or repurposed materials by the youth.
- No new or purchased materials are allowed (except minimal adhesives or fasteners).
- Projects may be any form of art media that can be constructed with recycled materials.
- Submission will include the youth's name and title of the art piece along with a paragraph description.

Submission Instructions:

1. Navigate to the event in 4-H Online. <https://RecycledArt25.4honline.com>
2. Register for the event to submit your entry to the contest
 - a. Complete the questions
 - b. Upload up to 2 image files of your art piece

Important Dates

- Due: November 7, 2025
- Winners' announcement: November 22, 2025 (via email and in-person at the A&ME Contest)



Rubric:

Category	Criteria	Points
Use of Recycled Materials	Artwork is made entirely from recycled or repurposed materials. Exceptions for moderate use of glue and/or fasteners. Creative and thoughtful use of a variety of recycled items.	/5
Connection to Aquatic Themes	Clearly represents a Florida aquatic or marine ecosystem(s) (e.g., ocean life, rivers).	/5
Creativity & Originality	Unique concept and artistic expression. Innovative use of materials and design.	/5
Craftsmanship & Effort	Neatness, attention to detail, and overall quality of construction. Evident time and effort invested in the project.	/5
Environmental Message	Conveys a strong message about conservation, pollution, or sustainability. Inspires awareness or action <i>related to the current year's A&ME contest theme</i> .	/5
Youth Involvement	Clearly created by youth with minimal adult intervention. Reflects the voice and perspective of the youth.	/5

Total _____/30**Score of 5 – Excellent:**

The entry exceeds expectations. It fully meets the intent of the criterion with outstanding quality, creativity, and clarity.

Score of 4 – Good:

The entry meets expectations well. It shows strong effort and clear alignment with the criterion.

Score of 3 – Satisfactory:

The entry meets basic requirements. It is adequate but leaves room for improvement.

Score of 2 – Needs Improvement:

The entry partially meets the criterion. It lacks clarity, depth, or effort.

Score of 1 – Incomplete:

The entry does not meet the criterion. It shows minimal effort or relevance.

