



Art & Writing Contest

Every year the school children from the Lower Rio Grande Valley are invited to participate in writing or art contests related to the native birds of the region. This contest is open to all public and private schools in Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr and Willacy Counties as well as students that are homeschooled in that geographic area. Students in grades 5-12 are invited.

Art teachers from the local school districts have their students submit artwork in a variety of mediums of a bird that could be seen in the 4-county region – inspired by a photograph, an image from a book, or through binoculars. English teachers have their students write an essay, poem or short story regarding awareness and appreciation of native wild birds and their habitat in the Rio Grande Valley.

The three categories are Art, Creative Writing, and Informative/Persuasive Writing.

The top three winners in every grade level, plus a *Best of Show* in both art and writing, are recognized at the Arts & Writing Awards Ceremony on Sunday, November 12th, at 1:30pm at the Harlingen Municipal Auditorium. This ceremony is free and open to the public, so families and neighbors can attend the presentations. Our emcee this year is Carlos Bethancourt, our bilingual guide and representative of the Canopy Tower Family in Panama.

For more information, contact art_writing@rgvbf.org or call Laura Robinson at (956) 295-6255.