



CASCADES  
**RAPTOR**  
CENTER

## YOUTH RAPTOR ART CHALLENGE 2025

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Cascades Raptor Center aims to promote and ensure the wellness of birds of prey and foster a greater appreciation for the role wildlife plays in the natural and cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest. We believe artwork can be an effective way to build connections with local wildlife and invoke a sense of outdoor wonder.

### ENTRY RULES

- Open to Oregon students in grades K-12
- Artwork entries must include an American Kestrel or Barn Owl
- Artwork can be made with a variety of materials but **must be submitted unframed in 2D on 8.5"x11" paper cardstock**. A template with frame can be downloaded from Cascades Raptor Center website but including the frame image is optional.
- Artwork must be original and handmade by the student.
- Limit to one artwork entry per person.
- Submission is cost free.
- All submissions must be received by **March 30, 2025**.
- Entries will not be mailed back. Artwork can be collected at the Cascades Raptor Center during the months of July and August 2025.

### ARTWORK SPECIFICATION

- Art must feature either an American Kestrel or Barn Owl.
- Artwork must be created on 8.5"x11" cardstock paper. Both portrait and landscape orientation are accepted.
- Artwork must be an original hand-done creation. Please use photos only as inspiration.
- Artwork must be free of writing. Please include signatures or initials on the back of artwork. Please include additional information from the artist on the submission form.

### RESOURCES

Learn more about the unique adaptations of American Kestrels and Barn Owls on our fact sheets online. Also, use books and reputable online resources to see more examples of their diets, habitats, behaviors and more. **We encourage students to incorporate a fun fact they learn about their selected raptor species!** For additional Cascades Raptor Center curriculum resources contact Melissa at [melissa@cascadesraptorcenter.org](mailto:melissa@cascadesraptorcenter.org).

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- 8.5"x11" cardstock or heavyweight white paper.
- \*Educators and group leaders working with CRC will be supplied with templates.
- Art supplies (i.e. colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.).

## HOW TO SUBMIT ARTWORK

- Fill out all required information on the submission form. (link available on Cascades Raptor Center website)
- Attach completed submission form to the 8.5"x11" artwork on paper.
- Write artist's name on back of artwork (in case of separation from entry form).
- Mail artwork and submission for or drop off at the Cascades Raptor Center.

**Mail:** Cascades Raptor Center, Attn. Melissa Green, PO Box 5386, Eugene, OR 97405

**Drop Off:** Cascades Raptor Center, 32275 Fox Hollow Rd. Eugene, OR 97405

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Submitted artwork will be reviewed by Cascades Raptor Center staff. While we hope to display many pieces, due to a high volume of submissions, only a selection of artwork will be chosen for a raptor art exhibition and featured by the Cascades Raptor Center. Review criteria includes interpretation of the theme (American Kestrel and Barn Owl), creativity, originality, and quality of art by grade level.

## EXHIBITION FOR SELECTED ARTWORK

All selected artists will receive recognition on Cascade Raptor Center's website, social media, and newsletter. Selected artwork will be displayed in a raptor art exhibition hosted by Cascades Raptor Center. Exhibition information will be sent to contacts.

## USAGE RIGHTS

By submitting artwork and submission form, the artist and guardian agrees to allow Cascades Raptor Center (CRC) to: Photograph and use images for reproduction, marketing, promotional, fundraising, and display purposes on CRC's website, newsletter, and social media. Allow CRC to archive images as part of the exhibition available for public viewing on our website. Cascades Raptor Center will not share your contact information without your permission.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND ARTWORK PICKUP

- Submission artwork must be received by March 30, 2025.
- Artists whose artwork was selected for the exhibition will be notified in April.
- Artwork will be available for pick up at the Raptor Center in July and August 2025.
- Artwork submitted by schools will be returned to schools the first week in June.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Melissa Green, Creative Engagement Designer,  
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