



## YOUTH RAPTOR ART CHALLENGE 2026

### 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 a Great Horned Owl or Red-tailed Hawk
- Artwork can be made with a variety of materials but must be submitted digitally as a .pdf, .png, or .jpg file.
- Artwork must be original and handmade by the student.
- Limit to one artwork entry per person.
  - **Teachers: Please email us directly at [info@cascaderaptorcenter.org](mailto:info@cascaderaptorcenter.org) if you wish to submit on behalf of more than 10 students.**
- All submissions must be received by April 10, 2026.
- In order to receive notifications about exhibition, a valid email must be included.

### ARTWORK SPECIFICATION

- Art must feature either a Great Horned Owl or Red-tailed Hawk.
- Artwork should be created on 8.5x11" paper for ease of scanning. 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 additional information from the artist about the piece using the online submission form.

### RESOURCES

Learn more about the unique adaptions of Great Horned Owls and Red-Tailed Hawks using our online fact sheets, located on the Cascades Raptor Center website. Use books and reputable online sources to see more examples of their diets, habitats, behaviors, and more.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- 8.5"x11" white paper
- Art supplies (ie: colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc.)

## HOW TO SUBMIT ARTWORK

- Fill out all required information on the submission form (available on the Cascades Raptor Center website)
- Digitally attach a .jpg, .png, or .pdf scan of the completed artwork to the submission form.

*Local libraries, schools, and community groups have computer scanners which can be used to digitize your artwork.*

## JUDGING CRITERIA

Submitted artwork will be reviewed by Cascades Raptor Center staff and volunteers. While we hope to display as many pieces as possible, due to a high volume of submissions only a selection of artwork will be chosen for exhibition on-site at Cascades Raptor Center. Review criteria includes interpretation of the species for this year's challenge, as well as creativity, originality, and quality of art by grade level.

## EXHIBITION FOR SELECTED ARTWORK

Some selected artists will receive recognition on Cascades Raptor Center's website, social media, and newsletter. Exhibition information will be sent to contacts.

## USAGE RIGHTS

By submitting artwork via the 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. Submitted content may be archived 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

- All artwork must be submitted by April 10, 2026.
- Artists whose artwork was selected for the exhibition will be notified in May.

## QUESTIONS?

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