



Sharks in Balance: Healthy Sharks, Healthy Oceans

Calling Young Ocean Artists

The Ocean Pals Poster Contest invites students to learn about the ocean and turn what they discover into original artwork. This year's theme explores the important role sharks play in healthy, connected ocean ecosystems.

Who Can Participate?

A national competition for young artists in four grade divisions: Grades K–2, Grades 3–5, Grades 6–8 and Grades 9–12.

What Is the Challenge?

Create original artwork showing sharks as part of a living ocean. Help viewers replace fear with curiosity and understand why sharks matter.

Learn

Discover how sharks influence ocean food webs and habitats.

Create

Create a poster that connects shark science with a clear idea about ocean relationships or conservation.

Share

Use your art to help other people see sharks in a new way.

Teacher award: The teacher of the overall grand-prize winner will receive a trip award. Full details, including travel arrangements and conditions, will be announced.

Posters must be received by February 12, 2027

Received by, not postmarked by. This is a physical poster contest; there is no online submission.

Find contest information and the printable entry form at BeneathTheSea.us/ocean-pals/poster-contest/.

